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Patrick Naylor/Ian Lawrence
Woodpecker Stages

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President's Notes

75th Anniversary celebrations. Saturday 27th April 2013.

In the last edition of the BTRDA News we gave you advance warning of details for the 75th Anniversary celebrations of BTRDA. You will find with this Newsletter a booking form to complete and return to me..... book early to avoid disappointment, it could well be a sellout.

We have negotiated special room rates at the brand new Drayton Manor Hotel for both Friday and Saturday nights. Friday 26th April £94.00 per room including VAT and full English breakfast. Saturday 27th April £104.00 per room including VAT and full English breakfast. These rates are based on 2 adults sharing a double or twin room.

We realise there are a few who have a motor home or caravan so we have organised booking facilities at the Drayton Manor Camping and Caravanning Club Site which is a 90 pitch full facility site located within walking distance of the Drayton Manor Hotel. The site is run by the Camping and Caravan Club. Fees have yet to be confirmed for 2013 but ranged from £22.60 to £26.00 in 2012.

You will see from the booking form that our Dinner will cost £45.00 and will include a four course banquet and some special entertainment. We have asked our Committees to invite as many Gold and Silver Star Champions as possible. One of our special guests will be Stuart Turner who was the Gold Star Champion in 1957, 58 and 59. No other person has won the Gold Star Rally title three times in a row and despite the fact that Stuart won the RAC Rally in 1960 and was Team Manager for BMC Mini in the 60s and Ford in the 70s he still says that this was his finest achievement.

During the Saturday we shall be arranging many different fun competitions at Catton Park and Curborough, details of which will be confirmed in the Christmas edition of BTRDA News.

We are approaching the business end of the calendar year. Congratulations are already in order for Damian Cole for winning his third MSA Asphalt title and Julian Wilkes who has had a fantastic season to become double Champion, claiming the MSA English title as well as the Miller Oils 1400 series. Well done both. Congratulations also to the Rallies Committee who invented the scoring system for the Gold Star Series. Yet again the title goes down to the wire and winner takes all on the Cambrian Rally on October 20th. It could be one of three, Shaun Gardener, Hugh Hunter or Roger Chilman and I am looking forward to greeting our new Champions on Llandudno Promenade about 6.00 pm. May the best man win.

More news from all our other championships in the next BTRDA News.

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Denis Flather 1959 – 1967
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Vacant 1967 – 1974

REIS – Get Connected **BTRDA**® Rally Series

POISED – AND THE PERSONALITIES!....

With just the final round of this year's REIS – Get Connected BTRDA Rally Series - the Llandudno-based Cambrian Rally - to go, the position at the top of the Gold Star Championship is finely poised to the point that the title could go one of three ways. As we predicted some time ago, no-one has been able to follow Andy Burton's example of last year and grasp the Championship by the throat this time but, as the season approaches its conclusion, we have witnessed the fascinating spectacle of long-time leaders Shaun Gardener/Ben Innes (Mitsubishi Lancer EVO5.9) being reeled in by Hugh Hunter/Andy Marchbank (Ford Focus WRC) and Roger Chilman/ Bryan Thomas (Subaru Impreza WRC). The question on everybody's lips now is 'can Shaun and Ben hold out?'...

Of the six named above, Bryan Thomas is the odd one out – the twice former British Rally Champion co-driver (1994 – Malcolm Wilson/2005 – Mark Higgins) is the only one not to have previously won a BTRDA Gold Star. For their part, Chilman got his in 2005, Gardener/Innes a year later and Hunter/Marchbank were champions in 2008. So, they all know what is required of them and they all have experience of withstanding pressure – for the rest of us, a fascinating day's sport in the classic forests of North Wales is in prospect before the destination of the 2012 Gold Star title is revealed.

Matt Edwards/Sam Collis are 2nd in the table after the Woodpecker – they have finished each of the six rounds they started and have not only scored consistently, but also never lower than 5th in the points. However, they have reached the stage that even a win on the Cambrian would leave them short of Gardener's total. Wherever they eventually finish, the 2010 1400 Champions

have made a seamless transition to four-wheel drive turbo-charged machinery and should be well pleased with their performance.

Similarly, Pat Naylor/Ian Lawrence have had a season to savour, the highlight being 3rd on the Dukeries in their Group N Lancer EVO9 which should have, in part, made up for the DNF in Somerset. Having missed the opening round of the season, Jamie Anderson/Ella Flynn pushed their similar car to its limits on the next four events, but a DNF on the Nicky Grist and a time-consuming roll on the Woodpecker served to push them back down the overall order but, even so, they are still in with a fighting chance of the BTRDA Production Cup. Having opted to miss the Dukeries, Paul Davy's Impreza is in runner-up spot with one event to go, while co-driver Roger Allan, who was unable to take part in the Woodpecker either due to his official duties on the event, could join him if the Cambrian goes well.

A fourth maximum points score on the Woodpecker ensured that Matthew Robinson and Nigel Hutchinson are the 2012 REIS – Get Connected BTRDA Silver Star Champions. A roll on the Dukeries has been the only hiccup in their progress during the season and, following a steady start in the Wyedean snow, their Ford Escort MkII has rarely been beaten. Now, however, there is a splendid fight shaping up for second place involving the Escorts of Peter Smith, Boyd Kershaw and Theo Bengry, Allan



Current Historic Cup leaders Peter Smith/Paul Williams
Nicky Grist Stages Photo: Simon Clarke



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McDowall's Opel Kadett and, upholding front-wheel drive honours, Neil Matthews' Vauxhall Nova. A degree in mathematical probabilities is required to outline the possible outcomes prior to the Cambrian – whilst all those involved will be fighting tooth and nail on the event, the easy way out for those on the sidelines will be to have another look at the points tables at the end of the day!...

Julian Wilkes/Will Rutherford-Child have been the class of the Millers Oils BTRDA 1400 Championship field in their Nova VXR 190 this year to the point that, following another maximum score on the Nicky Grist Stages and with two rounds still to go, they were declared the 2012 Champions. At that point, the only crew who had had the gall to deny them a 'full-house' were Justin Lawson/Paul Hargreaves whose Nova had edged Julian into second place on the Plains. So, the Taunton driver entered the Woodpecker with a two-pronged agenda – to try to replace that 28 points with a 30 and, at the same time, to wrap up the Swisher MSA English Rally Championship, the class-based series which he and Will were already leading. They arrived back at Ludlow Racecourse with a two-minute advantage over their nearest 1400 rivals and, more importantly, with ticks in both boxes – a superb end to an extraordinary season!

Lawson's hopes of 'putting one over' on Wilkes for a second time this season went up in smoke – literally! – on the Woodpecker and it is down to a straight fight between Kieran Darrington (Vauxhall Corsa) and Marcel Freling (MG ZR) for runner-up spot in the Millers Oils table. Once again, it's been a very hard-fought Championship with each of the current Top Nine drivers being present on all seven events to date.

The rallyschool.co.uk BTRDA Rally First Championship has seen 28 drivers scoring points during the season and, following his third maximum, Cameron Davies (MG ZR) leads the pack. Aaron McClure is second and Mick Smith (both Nissan Micras) third. Davies' top score on the Woodpecker came at the expense of Joe Evett (MG ZR) who, for the first time on an event he has finished, was demoted to second. However, Evett's fourth place comes from just four scores and another maximum on the Cambrian would

propel him straight to the top!...

Following a lengthy summer break, the Swisher MSA English Rally Championship finishes with something of a flourish. After the Woodpecker, contenders move on to the Trackrod Clubman Rally before heading south for the Tempest 2 Rally in early November. As previously stated, Wilkes/Rutherford-Child are the 2012 Champions, leaving Mick Smith, Neil Matthews and Allan McDowall to argue over the remaining podium places.

Full details of the 2012 REIS - Get Connected BTRDA Rally Series, incorporating the Gold Star, Silver Star, Millers Oils 1400 & rallyschool.co.uk Rally First Championships are available on the Championship website : www.btrdarally.com while the Swisher MSA English Rally Championship has its own : www.englishrally.co.uk

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Gold Star Championship

	Overall Driver	Points
1	Shaun Gardener	166
2	Matt Edwards	158
3	Hugh Hunter	147
4	Patrick Naylor	147
5	Roger Chilman	145
	Overall Co-Driver	Points
1	Ben Innes	166
2	Sam Collis	158
3	Ian Lawrence	148
4	Andy Marchbank	147
5	Bryan Thomas	145



Silver Star Championship

	Overall Driver	Points
1	Matthew Robinson	172
2	Peter Smith	144
3	Boyd Kershaw	140
4	Allan McDowall	136
5	Theo Bengry	128
	Overall Co-Driver	Points
1	Nigel Hutchinson	173
2	Bryan Hull	141
3	Gavin Heseltine	138
4	Les Forsbrook	130
5	Ian Harden	99
6	Ian Jones	99



1400 Rally Championship

	Overall Driver	Points
1	Julian Wilkes	180
2	Kieran Darrington	153
3	Marcel Freling	150
4	Harry Gardner	139
5	Euros Evans	136

	Overall Co-Driver	Points
1	Will Rutherford	180
2	Karen Robinson	150
3	Elliot Graham	140
4	Dylan Lewis	136
5	Jamie Forrest	128

Mick Smith/
Siobhan Pugh

Nicky Grist Stages

Photo: Simon Clarke



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MSA English Rally Championship

Driver	Score
Julian Wilkes	125
Mick Smith	103
Neil Matthews	99
Allan Mcdowall	98
Cameron Davies	95

Co-driver	Score
Will Rutherford	125
Gavin Heseltine	97
Calvin Houldsworth	97
Charlotte Banner	95
Dylan Lewis	87



The **DMACK** Historic Cup

Driver	Score
Peter Smith	113
Theo Bengry	94
Graham Thatcher	78

Co-driver	Score
Les Forsbrook	97
Robert James	82
Paul Wakely	77



The **BTRDA** Rally First Challenge

Driver	Score
Cameron Davies	145
Aaron McClure	136
Mick Smith	133

Co-driver	Score
Calvin Houldsworth	146
Martyn Taylor	135
Siobhan Pugh	131



The **BTRDA** Production Cup

Driver	Score
Patrick Naylor	109
Paul Davy	101
Jamie Anderson	91

Co-driver	Score
Ian Lawrence	109
Ella Flynn	92
Roger Allan	86



The **MG ZR** Rally Challenge

Driver	Score
Marcel Freling	120
Jayne Auden	104
Benjamyn Mckay	91

Co-driver	Score
Karen Robinson	120
David Auden	105
Jason Mckay	96

All results are shown following The Woodpecker Stages



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ALLROUNDERS – THREE QUARTERS ROUND

This time last year Jan and I were in Cumbria for the Robin Jager Sporting Trial, the first in the second part of the season. Then it was belting down with rain on the roof of our Hotel veranda. On the radio they were telling us hurricane whatsername was approaching the North of the land WE live in! This year I am writing this, in my garden in lovely hot sunshine, so that I meet the NEWS copy date for the weekend.

Our current Interim / provisional Allrounders points scores are in this NEWS and will be updated on the website www.btrda.com. Events that have taken place during the last few days will be updated just as soon as we receive the results from clubs, and verify any claims from speed events. They will be on the web site as soon as we can.

Since the last News our points table has changed considerably in that the early leaders have dropped back a little, allowing the reigning Champion Duncan Stephens to jump up to first place (at the moment) with Jamie Yapp in the revived Nova just 2.80 points behind.

Early leader John Fox slides down to fifth, but is leading for the SAME CAR trophy. Presently in sixth place is Yapp the Elder (Richard) a long time supporter of club motorsport sharing the revived Nova with son Jamie. Martin Mackenzie, Autotest special builder to Malcolm Livingstone and Scrutineer, is now in seventh.

Moving up to third is Roger Holder, an Autotester of note. and just 1.14 points from Jamie, Roger having collected very good points from the AutoSOLO events and Car trials. Fourth is now Dave Oliver making good use of Oli the Imp in car trials, and Old Faithful in Sporting Trials, I think the car used for the AutoSOLO was a Peugeot 205 (possibly). Our "under 25's" for the Duckhams Trophy have yet to qualify.

At this time of the Championship we have seven Qualified for our end of year awards and it looks like a further five should manage their six events. So with at least twelve up for awards we look forward to the possibility of even more as there may be just one or two extra to add if the right events that are left suit you.

Your Allrounders Committee are due to have a meeting soon to review our Regulations prior to the 2013 Championship and consider any changes that have been suggested by you or other BTRDA sports for changes to the Groups. We should also consider the qualifying number of events, like maximum two from any one group, in place of the current three, or increase the number of qualifying events to seven, etc etc. All options will be reviewed, so contact the Committee at janet-allrounders@btrda.com. by the end of September please if you have any comments or suggestions to make.

During the summer Jan and I have been out on the Speed Hillclimb events in the Midlands, and have seen other fellow Allrounders wandering round and enjoying the other mans sports. At Shelsley Walsh and Prescott Hillclimbs it was Sporting Triallers out in some numbers, with a few Stage Rally chaps. Loton Park it was a mix of competitors from a range of our sports. Good to see the other sports and appreciate the commitment each discipline requires. I also got to go to the July Rallycross at Mallory Park as a round of the BTRDA Clubmans Rallycross was being run - a good

Codriver and Allrounder Josh Davison with Rachael Patterson on the Nicky Grist Stages.
Photo: Simon Clarke



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day out with plenty of close racing, and warm weather for a change. Then the re-dated (due to a water logged field at the entrance to the venue on the original date) CarTrial of Ross and District on August 4th at Putley Common, Nr Ledbury. A short rainfall delayed the start by about an hour but after that it was an ideal day for Car trials, with a very good entry, close competition within the classes and I marshaled on the best Section of the day. (Well I would say that wouldn't I?)

So only a few months left of this years events in the BTRDA calendar, with the last Sporting Trial the first week of December.

For those of you looking to see other sports try our BTRDA Clubmans Rallycross Final to be held at Pembrey, Nr Llanelli South Wales, October 7th or The Cambrian Rally October 20th. Go on get out into the forest, you never know who you may see.

To close this report, a reminder to all that this year's Annual Luncheon Awards and AGM, will be held at the National Motorcycle Museum, close to the Birmingham NEC at junction 6 of the M42 (A45). Full details will be in the December News.

Whatever the weather, enjoy your sport.

Phil D

THE NOW NOT SO RUSTY BUT STILL TRUSTY NOVA



The Nova at Curborough Sprint Course

Seeing the angle of Jamie's Nova in the picture of Owen Revs newsletter from the Bright Sparks Autotest last year, prompted me to put pen to paper.

The old red Nova was due for its MOT anyway and we knew there were issues with the front suspension turrets, so Roger Holder (Cranmore Garage) volunteered/ arm twisted to investigate. Roger took the wings off and jacked the car up and even with the engine still bolted in was able by holding the bumper mounts to flex the whole of the front end!! The bulk head was split about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way from one turret to the other; needless to say it failed the MOT. About this time Duncan Stephens popped in to take a look as Thor Hammer

backs on to the garage and I remarked to him no wonder it used to turn in so well it sort of moulded itself into the corners!!!

At this point Jamie's bottom lip started to quiver at the thought of no more Nova, so after much searching on the web we acquired another shell which only needed minor welding and Roger and his merry men sorted out the rebuild. After a few tweeks we got the handling sorted and once we got used to the stiffer shell, Jamie won his class in BTRDA rounds at Autotest and Autosolo. He then broke the 2 lap record at Curborough for road going class up to 1400 cc. This showing that a rigid shell and suspension is important not just all about power. In between all

this Jamie had operation on his foot which prevented him driving for 2 months.

Having spent most of the year's budget already we used the Clio for a sprint at North Weald and with Jamie just 0.02 sec off the class with one run to go, the box broke with yes you guessed it with Dad driving. More money, so only limited appearances for the rest of the year. The RAC, despite being a member for 22 years wanted £327 to recover back to brum, I declined and borrowed Roger's 4 wheel trailer with winch to recover Clio next day. To add insult to injury the RAC then rang up to ask if I was happy with the service on the callout!!!

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After some more good results we noticed there were even more puffs of smoke coming out the engine and a compression test showed no.4 cylinder down. So we took Nova to Alan Goodwin at Aldons (Alan has been doing my engines rebuilds on and off for 40 years, I used to compete against his Dad (Pop) and brother

Rob in AutoX when they had the twin cam Sprite. So more money for engine rebuild to replace rings and valve guides. It worked well as Jamie won his class at sprint first time out after rebuild. Good job it's near end season as I would like to retire sometime!!

Yapp senior

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REIS BTRDA Allrounders Championship Provisional Overall Scores to 11th September 2012

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Name		Score	Group	Score	Group	Score	Group	Score	Group	Score	Group	Score	Group	TOTAL
Duncan	Stephens	16.00	A	18.57	B	17.65	B	18.33	B	15.71	F	16.00	F	102.26
Jamie	Yapp	15.00	A	16.00	G	18.8	G	17.50	H	17.14	H	15.00	H	99.46
Roger	Holder	17.50	A	11.87	B	15.00	B	18.7	H	17.78	H	17.50	H	98.32
Dave	Oliver	17.14	B	16.67	B	16.67	B	16.92	F	16.67	F	6.67	H	90.74
John	Fox	6.67	A	16.67	G	14.29	G	16.00	H	18.00	H	16.25	H	87.88
Richard	Yapp	5.00	A	8.00	G	8.00	G	16.47	G	11.25	H	8.57	H	57.29
Martin	MacKenzie	7.69	A	8.89	A	10.00	B	10.00	B	8.00	H	8.89	H	53.47
Simon	Harris	15.71	B	14.1	B	12.3	B	15.00	H	16.00	H			73.14
Adrian	Read	14.00	B	12.50	B	14.29	G	16.00	G	14.29	G			71.08
Kevin	Hardwick	13.33	A	13.33	A	13.33	A	16.00	H	11.11	H			67.10
John	Moffatt	18.33	B	18.82	B	18.46	B	10.00	H					65.61
Sion	Matthews	12.9	A	17.78	C	17.78	C	17.14	C					65.56
Dave	Walker	18.00	B	15.71	B	13.33	B	8.00	H	5.00	H			60.04
Stuart	Perren	13.85	A	12.50	A	11.11	A	17.78	F					55.24
Duncan	Wild	15.38	A	17.50	A	12.00	A	10.00	H					54.88
Nick	Pollitt	18.00	B	17.78	B	17.78	B							53.56
Thomas	Bricknell	17.33	F	16.92	F	16.67	F							50.92
Tomos	Parry	17.78	C*	17.78	C*	12.00	C*							47.56
Stephen	Stringer	13.33	G	7.50	G	7.50	G	15.00	H					43.33
Tim	Beard	18.57	B	14.55	B	10.00	B							43.12
Matt	Beebe	16.52	D	17.14	D	8.00	D							41.66
Josh	Davidson	8.57	C*	8.57	C*	8.00	C*	15.71	D*					40.85
Richard	Egger	11.43	A	6.67	A	6.67	A	10.00	D					34.77
Pat	Egger	7.14	A	2.22	A	2.22	A	10.00	D*	5.00	H			26.58
David	Allman	6.67	B	10.91	B	7.50	B							25.08
Jane	Beebe	15.00	D	6.67	D									21.67
Jon	Ballinger	18.67	C											18.67
Helen	Perren	6.15	A	4.44	A	7.50	A							18.09
Clive	Woodhouse	8.33	H											8.33
Jessica	Fack	3.75	H											3.75
Abe	Shenker	1.18	B	2.22	B									3.40

A - Autotest
Sporting Trials

B - Car Trials

C - Forest Rally

D - Asphalt Rally

E - Rallycross F -

G - Speed (Autocross, Sprints and Hillclimbs)

H - AutoSOLO

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Allrounders at Play

Clockwise from top left:- Roger Holder, Richard & Pat Egger, Nick Pollitt, Jane Beeby
Photographers: - Nic Ayre, Simon Clarke, Angela Danby, Simon Clarke



BTRDA® Sporting Trials Championship

Our season has just begun, with the Robin Jager Trial in Cumbria and the Cornish Trials weekend, consisting of the Robin Alexander on the Saturday followed by the David Ayers on Sunday. All three attracted small entries of just over 20, which is normal for the Jager but well below the levels achieved a few years ago for Cornwall. In two weeks time the Midlands based Warco at Uppingham will indicate levels of interest for our sport, but I fear the trend is downwards at present, nothing sudden but a gradual decline.

One indicator is the number of entries in the BTRDA Sporting Trials Championship, which have been steadily declining in recent years, from a long term average of around 100, to

around 75 now. This is a worrying trend, although there may be a few who used to enter who did not actually compete, apart from maybe their own club's trial, and who no longer do so. Taking BTRDA as a whole, things are looking good with increases in the Rally membership, so that the overall situation looks encouraging in spite of the dire economic situation.

After the "one off" situation this year regarding the Trials Final, things return to normal to round off the 2012 Championship in time for the Luncheon at the end of January. The 2012 Final will be run on the 12th January 2013 in Cornwall.

BTRDA® Sporting Trials Championship

Charles Pollard was active in BTRDA for very many years, in rallying, autocross, and for many years in sporting trials, where he once won the RAC Championship in the '60s. He also chaired the Trials Committee and was a very well respected member, his daughter Julia has competed for many years as a trials passenger, latterly for her husband Roger Bricknell. Charles, who was in his '90s, passed away recently, and there was a well attended funeral at his local church in Southwick near Oundle. Many BTRDA members attended including his long term trials passenger Brian Stapleton with Maggie, Jack Pearce the Kincraft constructor with Brenda, and Tony and June Harrison amongst scores of others.

We also lost Meg Harrison, widow of Mike, in July. Meg was a regular marshal and supported the sport over many years.

One problem which has been creeping up on us for some time is the loss of vital club level support for our events. Clubs make little money out of trials, and once the trials personalities within a club start to retire, finding replacements becomes increasingly difficult. BTRDA has become such a powerful presence in Championship level trials that there has been a tendency to ignore the local club, who actually do all the work! The Trials Committee have recognized this and are starting to put together some ideas to remedy the situation. Taking a leaf out of some of our more distant

clubs' experience, such as Northern Ireland and Cumbria, they are looking at making it a requirement to officiate in some form, at your local club's event, without which you will not be able to qualify for the Final. Of course this means you will not be able to compete at that event, but it will hopefully feed in some of the experience and knowledge gained around the country, as well as helping to encourage others to join in. Long term this can only help clubs to maintain interest in our sport. For far too long we have ridden on the backs of others, now we need to help out on the ground. The details are still being worked out but competitors will be required to help out in some form if they wish to compete in the Final.

The MSA Championship is tied at the top as I write this, after the Cornish weekend, with Cornish drivers Thomas Bricknell and Roland Uglow tied on 97 points, with current Champion Ian Bell in third on 87, but there are loads of events still to go, the last one being the Gloucester in early December, so anything could happen.

The Ross and District Club, after experimenting with the use of marshal's score cards alone as proof of scores in recent years at their Pete Fear Pinford Trial, have reverted to the use of both competitor's cards and marshal's cards this year, after much competitor discussion. The Trials Committee felt that the competitor's card was more likely to be checked for

accuracy in the heat of competition, whilst Ross were of the opinion that the use of marshal's cards would speed up the scoring process. It is surprising how often there is a discrepancy, in spite of the fact that marshals fill in both cards, although not always the same marshal.

Alan Fullalove writes to tell me he is moving to Spain and leaving the sport after 43 years, so good luck Alan, someone will be lucky to acquire his immaculate Suzuki powered Facksimile. Alan has written a potted history of his trials involvement over the years, which will be published in *The Clear Round*.



**Allrounder and Trialers
Dave & Jennie Oliver
Photo: Rich Danby ZIPP.co.uk**

BTRDA® Sporting Trials Championship

There continues to be interest in our Training Days, which provide the opportunity for those who wish to sample the sport without having to commit any capital expenditure, as well as to create a safety culture amongst those who have bought cars and intend to compete. The combination of a small field consisting of existing leading drivers and cars, as well as novices with and without cars always produces a useful and interesting day. The Trials Committee intend running two a year from now on, one will be in early February in the Midlands, but there is likely to be another this autumn provided there are enough takers.

The BTRDA website is a first class source of information for those interested in sporting trials, and is generally kept up to date week by week, so you are not always looking at the same old stuff, which is a credit to those

who contribute, and an example to others.

See you on the hills,

Julian Fack.



Andy Wilks & Mark Smith
David Ayres Trial
Photo: Andy Egger

Short Event reports.

Robin Jager Trial 9th September Gale Hall, Cumbria NPTCC 21 entrants

Visitors from the South took the podium in the first Cumbrian trial, and all were driving Crossles at the classic Gale Hall site near Penrith. A new part of the huge site was used but Thomas Bricknell from Cornwall showed his trickling skills to drop just two points all day. Roland Uglow, David Rance and Ian Bell followed up, with Mike Lawn's Jedi, the first local driver in 5th. Conditions were dry but, as ever at this very challenging site, slippery on the bracken debris.

1 st	Thomas Bricknell/Sara Dyer	Crossle	2	1 st Red
2 nd	Roland Uglow/Laura Wilks	Crossle	12	2 nd Red
3 rd	David Rance/Katie Rance	Crossle	30	3 rd Red
5 th	Mike Lawn/Linda Lawn	Jedi	42	1 st Blue

There were no Green contenders.

Robin Alexander Trial - 15th September Wadebridge - Camel Vale CC - 21 entrants

The Alexander usually runs on Roland Uglow's farm, but this year a new site was tried, and still local talent proved invincible, filling the podium. Roland himself took the victory by a small margin from Thomas Bricknell, both using their Crossles, and Jason Daniels also made it onto the podium in his Concord. Another local driver Alan Ede took the novice award. The new site proved tricky and scores were fairly high, the

combination of grass, bracken and large steps required a technique mastered by few of the experienced drivers.

1 st	Roland Uglow/Laura Wilks	Crossle	36	1 st Red
2 nd	Thomas Bricknell/ Liz Scanes	Crossle	42	2 nd Red
3 rd	Jason Daniel/ Ross Hancock	Concord	43	1 st Blue
13 th	John Cole/Anne Cole	MJH	66	1 st Green

David Ayers Trial - 16th September Marshgate - Launceston & Cornwall MC 21 entrants

Roger Bricknell, taking a rest from being C of C for the Alexander the previous day, showed the rest how to do it with a textbook score of zero for the day, leaving others wondering what happened. As for the day before, local drivers dominated, Thomas Bricknell and Roland Uglow completing the podium. Roger's win was accomplished in his 30+ year old Facksimile, with a live axle, against the sophisticated independent suspension Crossles of Thomas and Roland.

1 st	Roger Bricknell/Julia Bricknell	Facksimile	0	1 st Red
2 nd	Thomas Bricknell/Sara Dyer	Crossle	12	2 nd Red
3 rd	Roland Uglow/Laura Wilks	Crossle	12	3 rd Red
8 th	Jason Daniel/Richard Bolt	Concord	31	1 st Blue
11 th	Ian Fullwood/Janette Rowlett	CAP	52	1 st Green.

Julian Fack

Provisional 2012 MSA British Championship scores
after David Ayres Trial 16th September
 by Janet Derbyshire



1	Roland Uglow	Crosslé	97
	Tom Bricknell	Crosslé	97
3	Ian Bell	Hamilton	87
4	David Rance	Crosslé	73
5	Steve Courts	Facksimile	66
6	Andrew Bell	Hamilton	51
7	Josh Veale	Sherpa	48
8	John Fack	MSR	45
9	Duncan Stephens	Crosslé	39
	Julian Fack	Crosslé	39
	Ian Veale	Sherpa	39
12	Andy Wilks	RCAP	29
	George Watson	CAP	29
14	Ian Wright	Sherpa Indy	26
15	Peter Fensom	Crosslé	25
16	Jason Daniel	Concord	21
17	Arthur Carroll	Sherpa	20
18	Roger Bricknell	Facksimile	19
	Martin Grimwood	Crosslé	19
20	Robin Jager	Kincraft	18
21	Mike Readings	Sherpa indy	17
22	Paul Faulkner	Sherpa indy	14
23	John Cole	MJH II	11
	Jerome Fack	SRB	11
	Mike Lawn	Jedi	11

26	Nick Speed	Crosslé	10
	Dave Oliver	Facksimile	10
	Calvin Kneebone	Kincraft	10
29	Stuart Beare	Sherpa Indy	9
30	Mike Wevill	Crosslé	8
	Richard Gowen	Facksimile	8
	Barry Hogg	Hamilton	8
33	Simon Kingsley	Crosslé	7
	Paul Price	CAP 5	7
	Ian Evitt	Crosslé	7
36	Ian Fullwood	CAP	6
	Richard Roberts	RB7	6
	Richard Waterhouse	Sherpa Indy	6
39	Boyd Webster	Kincraft	5
40	Jeff Armitstead	Lexi	4
	David Zank	Sherpa	4
42	Monty Peters	Apex IV	3
43	Bill Watson	Sherpa	2
	Bernie Muir	CAP	2
45	Mike Baker	Crosslé	1

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NO DOUBT ABOUT COLE'S HAT-TRICK!...

Winning the Eventsigns Mewla Rally outright secured a third consecutive MSA Asphalt Rally Championship title for Damian Cole in his Ford Focus WRC. Since the series first ran back in 1984, Cole is only the second person to achieve a hat-trick of victories, the first being Pete Doughty in 1994/95/96. Even the most successful driver in the history of the Championship, John Price, could only manage ones and twos on the way to his twelve titles.

So, Cole has reached his goal with a couple of rounds to spare but the fight for the Co-drivers' title goes on. Defending champion James Morgan, who became the youngest-ever winner last year alongside Cole, has been absent from a couple of events this season and currently trails Patrick Walsh in the points table. Walsh has guided Steve Simpson to a string of excellent results but the Manchester driver's non-availability for the Tyneside Stages and problems which prevented his Subaru Impreza WRC starting the Mewla allowed Cole to pass the winning post.

Melvyn Evans/Aled Davies have won every round of the Championship that they finished in their Impreza WRC. A couple of unfortunate incidents have marred their progress this season but, given a clear run, the 2009 Champion is still the class of the field.

While Cole was toasting victory at the conclusion of the Mewla, Rob Tout/Dan Holley also had cause to celebrate. Another maximum in their Mitsubishi Lancer EVO9 put the destination of the 2012 Group N title beyond doubt. That result moved Tout up to 4th in the Drivers' table, with a possibility of still further improvement before the season draws to a close on Otterburn at the beginning of November.

After a DNF on the opening round of the year, Asphalt Championship Management Committee member Richard Clews has been plugging away in his Impreza to the point where he currently leads Class B13. However, he has fellow Subaru pilot Chris Daykin and Dan Megannity

(who is the leading co-driver) and Chris Jones/Ashley Trimble (Ford Focus STI) breathing down his neck and there is still a way to go before this one is done and dusted!

Seventeen drivers have scored Millington Escort Challenge points this year, with Steve Cressey fending off a determined effort from Kevin & Charles Tappin in their 1600cc MKII! In spite of a disastrous season, John Indri is hanging on to the lead of the Darrian Challenge, with Washington James in close attendance. Having missed a number of events mid-season, Richard Merriman/Kath Curzon returned to take a maximum on the Mewla, leaving the series delicately poised.

Tim Daltry's attempts to win the AB Motorsport Peugeot 205 Challenge took a knock – literally! – against a chicane on the opening stage of Rally of the Midlands but, suitably chastened, he returned to take maximums on the ALMC, Tyneside & Mewla Rallies such that, no matter what Craig Jose does on the last two events, he cannot now be caught.

Matt Beebe/Paula Swinscoe lead the BTRDA FWD Challenge in their MG ZR – Paula is looking fairly secure but Tim Daltry and Alex Laffey could, theoretically, alter the look of the drivers' table before close of play. Meanwhile, Richard Felgate/Mark Mason (BMW M3) and Ian Copping/Dave Rowley (Ford Fiesta RWD) are 1st & 2nd in the RWD Challenge, although that could also change....

**Peugeot Challenge Leaders
Tim Daltry/Emma Morrison on the Mewla Rally
Photo: Simon Clarke**



MSA Asphalt Rally Championship

Rob Tout/Dan Holley Mewla Rally
Photo: Simon Clarke



In the classes, Max Hartley/Peter Grant (MG ZR) have secured N1 and Chris Wheeler/Yan Griffiths (Ford Fiesta MSi) have done likewise in N2. Alex Laffey/Jack Morton (Ford Fiesta R2) have long since put the destination of A6 beyond doubt and have now turned their attention to FWD – see above.

Registrations for the REIS – Get Connected MSA Asphalt Rally Championship have closed with numbers well in excess of 200 – the highest for years. With both the headline sponsors remaining in place for another year, the organisers are hopeful of similar interest in

2013, but no-one is pretending that it's going to be easy. Gloomy economic forecasts persist – indeed, whatever happens in the future, the MSA Asphalt Championship has weathered the storm of recent times remarkably well. Plans for next year are already under consideration – an online competitor survey has recently been undertaken and the results are currently being analysed before any decisions regarding possible changes are made. On the one hand, we could be forgiven for maintaining the 'if it ain't broke, don't fix it' outlook but, on the other, a 'makeover' – even a fairly minor

one – can serve to inject fresh impetus into the proceedings. Firm plans for the new year will be released before the end of the current one – watch this space!..

Further details of the REIS – Get Connected MSA Asphalt Rally Championship are available from the Co-ordinator :

Andrew Haill – Tel : 0121 313 1416/E-mail : andrew.haill@btconnect.com OR

By visiting the Championship website : www.asphaltrallying.com

ANDREW HAILL

Membership report

It could be the final total for championship numbers but no doubt there could still be a few Sporting Trial recruits trying out the last few events of 2012 before having a good go at 2013. We hope you have enjoyed the events in all of the BTRDA championships this year and look forward to receiving an early application for next year.

Championship registrations so far at the end of August:

Forest Rally	299	Allrounders	33
Asphalt Rally	208	Car Trial	30
Autotest	56	Sporting Trial	79
AutoSOLO Challenge	12	Rallycross	32
AutoSOLO Championship	20		

Liz & Peter Cox

MSA Asphalt Rally Championship

REIS MSA Asphalt Rally Championship

	Drivers	
1	Damian Cole	122
2	Stephen Simpson	101
3	Melvyn Evans	75
4	Rob Tout	70
5	Richard Clewes	60

	Co-Drivers	
1	Patrick Walsh	107
2	James Morgan	89
3	Daniel Holley	79
4	Aled Davies	75
5	Jack Morton	62

FWD Challenge

1	Matt Beebe	61
2	Tim Daltry	52
3	Alex Laffey	50

1	Paula Swinscoe	64
2	Jack Morton	59
3	Emma Morrison	47

RWD Challenge

1	Richard Felgate	52
2	Ian Copping	41
3	Steve Cressey	33

1	Mark Mason	59
2	David Rowley	49
3	Janice Moore	30

Millington Escort Challenge

1	Steve Cressey	39
2	Kevin Tappin	34
3	Paul Kendrick	21

1	Charles Tappin	39
2	Anton Bird	25
3	Alan Thomas	22

Millington Darrian Challenge

1	John Indri	30
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1	Janice Moore	30
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Peugeot 205 Challenge

1	Tim Daltry	75
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1	Nigel Hewett	66
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Following round 7 Mewla Stages

BTRDA 75th Anniverary Celebrations. Saturday 27 April 2012

1000hrs - 1600hrs @ Catton Park.

A variety of fun events for Car Trials, Sporting Trial members and a Grass Autotest, plus others. Refreshments available during the day.

1000hrs - 1600hrs @ Curborough Sprint Course.

More fun events for Autotest, AutoSolo, Rally and maybe Rallycross members. Refreshments available during the day.

from 1630hrs - Book in at the Hotel or Caravan/Camping site at Drayton Manor Park, near Tamworth.

from 1900hrs Reception drinks at the Tower Ballroom Suite at Drayton Manor Park.

1945hrs Dinner.

2200hrs Announcements and entertainment.

0100hrs Carriages.

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BTRDA® Clubmans Rallycross Championship

RALLYCROSS for Autumn 2012 NEWS

Our Championship year started in March and it's September already and we are now looking forward to the final at Pembrey, when double points are on offer. Almost all our class awards are up for the taking, so all to play for, plus the Autosport Award for best presented car in our Championship events.

First we congratulate MDA, our Clubmans Rallycross Championship partners, on celebrating their 35th anniversary with a Track day at Blyton for Road Cars and race vehicles. This is to be held on 9th September, which is the copy date for this NEWS. We wish the club well for the future and their continued support of Clubmans motorsport.

This year's Clubmans Rallycross Championship has been very difficult for us to set up for you the competitor, as with the Blyton venue deciding not to have a Rallycross circuit available, the logistics of available venues at affordable cost has resulted in four events being run in conjunction with the MSA Championship. Your Committee originally had two rounds which would have been stand alone Nutts Corner, in Ireland, June 3/4th, and Lydden August 4th. Lydden turned out to be financially unviable with the number of possible competitors when all costs to run the event were taken into account. Nutts Corner was a success and following this event your committee are to address some of the issues arising with the venue owners, in readiness for our planned return there next season.

Round 5 was held at Mallory Park, on an

improved circuit from the event held there in 2010. but still some issues with the loose surface were experienced by a few competitors, resulting in damage, not always repairable during the event. Mallory was attended by 25 of our 32 registered entrants. We were running with the National MSA Championship contenders, but in the appropriate BTRDA class for points. Having said that, as the only BTRDA registered entry in the BMW Mini class on the day, George Edwardes ran in that class making a class of five and was rewarded with a great second place, so collecting the 18 points as he did at the March and May rounds.

Our Minicross class runners had the usual suspects in Richard Wakeling, Tomas Edwardes and Mark Griffin, who finished in that order. This class is down on numbers this year but still provides a great fight for those valuable points.

OUR Stock Hatch Class, as opposed to MSA HOT Hatch, allows the older cars by production age to be campaigned, hence more affordable to buy and maintain. So with nine runners in the heats two encountered problems of mechanical nature, not helped by the previously mentioned loose surface, dips/holes of the circuit. They were Mark Bright, Peugeot 106 GTI, and Damon Fatchett also Peugeot 106 GTI. The final had seven contenders, included new to this sport Ashley Foster in a very well turned out Citroen Saxo, who put up a great first time appearance. Our winner was

Craig Lomax in the popular car for this class another Saxo, second was Paul Maybourne (Saxo) and John Lyne (Saxo).

The Super Modified class had nine up for the final, again with the usual suspects, together with another "new to this sport" Gareth Softley in his first Rallycross event, driving a Citroen Xsara. Gareth was well pleased with himself finishing in sixth place.

The final was spoilt by a series of delays, the first by an accident just after the first start, track cleared and the second restart was again delayed due to the slow exit of a recovery vehicle from the circuit. As the



Todd Crooks (448),
Rich Wakeling (469)
& Mark O'Flanagan.
Photo: Bill Skermer



BTRDA® Clubmans Rallycross Championship

circuit has a noise curfew time of 6pm no further competition was possible, hence all points were allocated as per the grid positions for the start of the Final. So our winner was Vince Bristow BMW, who had the accident in the first Final that was stopped, followed by Gary (I love Cheese) Cook in the too nice to Rallycross MG ZR, taking third was Dave Ewin (Ford body/EVO ? engine plus useful bits) this being a new car for Dave and well pleased he was with how it all performed. BIG smile all day.

Your BTRDA/MDA Championship committee is already working on plans for next year's series of events, which includes possible new venues

and review of class structure, as well as arranging a show stand at the Autosport International Show in January 2013. The Top Gear program with Rallycross was a first class show case for us all. Our thanks go to the BTRDA/MDA Sponsors of Clubmans Rallycross in no particulare order, Autosport International with Waltham Tyres (Avon Agents), Edwardes Brothers, long time supporters of Mini Cross in MDA, and Lucas Oils from Tony Lynch a true clubman, in the best possible sense.

Current results are on the Championship web site www.btrda.com and in this NEWS.

So its pack up your bits and pieces, check over the car and of to Sunny South Wales for Pembrey 7th October. Good luck to all our competitors at this year's Final Round. We look forward to seeing you and please let us know how you would like YOUR sport organised/arranged for the future.

Whatever the weather, enjoy your sport.

Phil D.

PS - This year's awards presentation will be at SCALFORD HALL, Melton Mowbray on 24th November. 2012. Full details are on the Calendar page of the MDA website www.mini-cross.co.uk



Trev Brown & Gary Cooke
Photo: Bill Skermer

Clubmans Championship In association with Autosport International and Edwardes Bros

		R5 Mallory	Total Points			R5 Mallory	Total Points
Mini Cross				Supermodified			
1	Richard Wakeling	30	136	1	Brian Jukes	25	81
2	Todd Crooks	21	99	2	Gary Cook	30	90
3	Tommi Edwardes	27	78	3	Barry Dutton	23	88
4	Mark O'Flanagan	23	75	4	Dave Ewin	27	44
5	John Thacker		27	5	Garry Simpson		49
6	Mark Griffin	25	25	6	Ian Biaggi		48
Stock Hatch				7	John Clayton	18	27
1	Craig Lomax	30	144	8	Jim Black	19	21
2	Paul Maybourne	27	108	9	Russell Crampton		25
3	Trevor Brown	19	90	10	Ash Davies		21
4	Nick Potter	23	46	11	Gary Softley	21	
5	Mark Bright	17	42		Richard Moore		19
	John Lyme	25	25		Dave Black	17	
	Paul Smith	21	21	BMW Mini Class			
	Ashley Foster	18	18		George Edwardes	18	54
	Dave Black	17	17				



Demon Tweaks Direct **BTRDA® Autotest Championship**

FROM THE HOT SEAT

As you will read elsewhere, the Gold, Silver and Bronze Stars have already been decided with one round of the BTRDA demon tweaks Autotest Championship still to run at the end of September together with most of the Class awards, but there is still fun to be had at Lancs & Cheshire's event at our sponsor's home in Welshpool.

As stated in the last News, it's been a funny old year, with entries down and many regular faces missing, but we have also seen a feast of new talent, unfortunately most of it Irish – no offense intended guys, who have raised the bar. Anyone lucky enough to have watch the duelling Novas of Mark King and David Thompson at the Loughborough Car Club's event can only marvel at the way the cars danced around the tests without a moment's hesitation. Suffice it to say that I have been

attending Autotests for over 40 years (yes I know that you can't believe I'm that old) and haven't seen a "large" saloon ever taking first and second FTD at an event before. What's more it appears that the Northern Irish team for the Ken Wharton on the 13th October will be Steven Ferguson, Ashley Lamont, Sam Bowden and Mark King, be there if you can and don't blink or you'll miss a treat.

Still on the subject of low entries, my thanks and congratulations to all of the Organising Clubs, who persevered in running their events. As I well know, a hell of a lot of work goes on prior to and after an event, let alone all of the "on the day" work, so it is a credit to them that they managed to run for little reward in terms of numbers and, I expect, most will have made a financial loss this year. Hopefully numbers will be on the up again next year and they will get their due reward in terms of competitor support.

On a different note, or should that be pitch, after a friendly nudge from the MSA your Committee has begun a series of noise tests at events, more details of which will be made available in due course. As we would expect Autotest cars are noisier in action, due to tyre noise, than in static testing but what was interesting was the noticeable subjective difference between cars that registered the same dB(A) but whose pitch varied. More work will be carried out on this both this year and into next.

Steve Layton



Mark King on his way to FTD
Photo: Nic Ayre

FROM THE PITs

It's always difficult to write for this edition as the season is almost over, but it isn't with the final event being the Lancs and Cheshire one at the home of our sponsors, demon tweaks in Wrexham. It's not until another three weeks by which time, hopefully, the News will have landed on your doormat having come through

the letter box. As a pure aside from Autotesting, for how much longer will the printed format be winging its way to you via the Royal Mail and not over the airwaves to your Kindle, BlackBerry, Android, iPad, iPod? Apologies to our younger readers if I got some of those names wrong but I did start this communication/computer thing when it was all



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punched cards and then wait an hour before you got the print out for what does 10 plus 10 make! Now, back to real autotesting and there was high drama at the Rugby Truck Stop for the Loughborough CC event. Who were the top competitors on the day? Not your mini special/sports car drivers but two in Novas. Mark King and David Thompson spent the day never more than a couple of seconds apart. Why did it matter? Well, the event was also the final round of the 2012 Link Up MSA championship and it was either Mark or David who were going to take the final podium placing and the overall 3rd place MSA trophy. David had a line penalty on Test 1, was back in front after Test 6 by 0.2 secs and had increased the lead to 1.1 secs after Test 12 with a string of fastest in class, and also overall, times. Only the 3 final tests to go, and Mark pulled out all the stops to be quickest on all 3 to erase the deficit and not only win the class but take the overall FTD. What of the other competitors? My man on the ground at the event said that Mark and David were literally a class apart from everybody else. I won't mention who the other competitors were but one of them wasn't Richard Pinkney! The excuse wasn't that he had already secured runner up in both BTRDA and MSA championships, which he had, but that he was at Lee Valentine's wedding – in Cyprus! Congratulations to Lee from all of us.

The FTD by Mark's Nova saloon brought out the topic of who was the last (large) saloon car driver to get a BTRDA FTD? There was a comment that perhaps it was another Nova driver Gavin Dickson but my records show that whilst he won a coveted Silver spoon for best BTRDA at the Knutsford event in 2007 he was in fact beaten for the event FTD by the mini saloon of Ken Irwin and the mini special of Robin Lyons. The next suggestion is Jonathon Livingston in a very road going Metro back in the early 80's. I've checked most of the BTRDA News of that era but haven't spotted it yet. Then it goes back to my distant memory of the 70's when I reckon Norman Morley got FTD at a wet event up north in his Austin 1300GT. Some of the older sages suggest it was actually in his works prototype Escort Mexico – I'll just have to keep digging! And of course, what is a "large" saloon? Answers on a postcard please!

Whatever the history of saloon FTDs, the achievement of Mark and David this year has shown that autotesting talent can override the downside of having a larger, and perhaps heavier, car. This actually brings me to a thought I had when reading Motorsport News the other week. There was an editorial on the complaint from some of the BTCC drivers about the inequality of the boost settings for some cars. It appears that BTCC is purely entertainment (I thought it was motorsport!) and that the idea of the organisers is to have all 30 cars cross the line together and get the spectators on the edge of their seats. To do this they penalise the current top drivers by both weight and boost penalties. Well, I don't think we could ever get the same number of spectators for BTRDA autotest championship events but from a weird technical viewpoint, how could you put in a handicap to equalise the performance of top drivers in a variety of cars? I do recall that in my early years of autotesting the BTRDA had a



Brian Sharpe Class E Leader Photo: Nic Ayre



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5% time penalty for specials. That was in the days when the vast majority of us drove our cars to events and it was only the odd special on a trailer. Of course, there were arguments about whether the 5% was to be on the total time penalty for a test or just on the actual time taken for a test. This did make a difference of 0.5 secs for a line/cone penalty and a massive 1.5 secs for an incorrect test! Thankfully, the penalty disappeared when lightweight minis and sports cars started appearing on trailers. At the same time for the regional ACSMC championship there was an equalisation handicap for each class where I distinctly recall that Fiat 500s and other strange saloons had something like 10% taken off their times. I wouldn't like to go back to such specific car types of penalties but how about for every FTD you get you have to carry a sack of potatoes in the car, increase your tyre pressures by 10psi, reduce maximum engine revs by 1000rpm or

I hope in my frivolity above I haven't taken gloss off the achievement of Mark in winning the 2012 BTRDA Silver Star and another Northern Ireland driver, Steven Ferguson, winning the Gold Star in his mini special. The remaining "Star" championship is designated the Bronze but regrettably does not get rewarded with a real star (I keep voting for it!). The Ian Mantle trophy for the top Bronze "Star"

competitor will definitely be won by a road going car as Kevin Hardwick in his Peugeot 205XS has an unbeatable lead with points scored in Class E. Mind you, it could have been a Northern Irish clear sweep of Stars if Paul Mooney had done another couple of events in his Class C Nova in the first half of the season. Paul will be runner up and eligible for the Bronze Star in 2013, that is, providing he has not won 2 class awards in 2012. With Mark and David also in the Class C I would suggest that getting a class win in such exalted company is not going to be easy. The actual Class C top spot is not yet decided – it's all going to depend on that final event at demon tweeks.

Seeing all these Nova drivers from across the Irish Sea leads me to remember Frank Lenehan's exploits in various saloons ranging from Nova/Corsas to a Starlet and even a Datsun 100A saloons. It's good to see a new generation taking up the herculean exploits of Frank. These days Frank is more likely to be out in an Alfa or Mercedes not just pootling round the country lanes but in full blown historic road rallies. For something completely different he will be out in a 1962 997 Mini on the Rally of the Tests which, as the title suggests, is a series of over 30 tests between Torquay and Chester spread over 4 days in November (8th – 11th). The route also takes in regularities on

the roads so there could be a good chance to see Frank in action somewhere on the route. Check for the roads used on the Classic Rally Association website (www.classicrally.org.uk). From the same era as Frank, Dermot Carnegie was one who was always at the top of the scoreboard and just to show that talent doesn't diminish with age (well, not for some of us!) he won the recent Vale of Clwyd HRCR Road Rally Championship event in his Escort from an entry of almost 70.

And finally, it's good to think



Keith Walton Photo: Nic Ayre



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about the future of autotesting and congratulate the trio of Irish under 25 Nova drivers, David Thompson (winning Class H), Mark King and Paul Mooney. Then, there is Chris Chapman in his last year of Class H and now a regular top 10 finisher in his Striker and the youngest of

them all, Toby Cook in his first year of BTRDA autotesting in the family Micra who finished third in Bronze Star. All but Toby look likely to finish in the top 10 of the 2012 Gold Star championship - watch out all you older drivers!

Peter Cox

2012 BTRDA demon tweaks Direct Autotest Championships **Provisional Results after Round 7 CSMA at Milton Keynes**

	Gold Star		
1	Steven Ferguson	Mini Special 1380	159
2	Richard Pinkney	Caterham 7	156
3	David Thompson	Nova 1600	140
4	Mark King	Nova 1600	138
5	Dave Evans	Blitz	128
6	Chris Chapman	Striker	110
7	Lee Valentine	Nova 1600	110
8	Steve Morten	RAW Striker	107
9	Paul Fobister	Haigh Special	98
10	Paul Mooney	Nova 1600	94
	Silver Star		
1	Mark King	Nova 1600	76
2	David Fox	Mini	72
3	Rob Rolston	Mini	72
4	Lee Valentine	Nova	65
5	Anthony Preston	Mini	37
	Bronze Star		
1	Kevin Hardwick	Peugeot 205xs	55
2	Paul Mooney	Nova 1600	52
3	Toby Cook	Micra	30
4	Helen Perren	Retrotester	20
5	Jamie Yapp	Nova	16
	Class A		
1	David Fox	Mini	75
2	Rob Rolston	Mini	72
3	Brian Bridge	Mini 1098	63
4	Anthony Preston	Mini	47
5	Bob Budd	Mini	36
	Class B		
1	David Thompson	Nova 1600	77
2	Mark King	Nova 1600	76
3	Lee Valentine	Nova 1600	67
4	Lloyd Bass	Nova 1600	53
5	Paul Mooney	Nova 1600	52

	Class C		
1	Richard Pinkney	Caterham 7 1600	80
2	Chris Chapman	Striker	68
3	Steve Morten	RAW Striker	63
4	Keith Walton	Locost KW7	60
5	Ian Chapman	Riot	54
	Class D		
1	Steven Ferguson	Mini Special 1380	80
2	Dave Evans	Blitz 2000	73
3	Paul Fobister	Haigh Special	60
4	Duncan Wild	ABS Special	49
5	Bert Greenaway	Bertone Special	45
	Class E		
1	Brian Sharpe	Charade GTI 1295	76
2	Kevin Hardwick	Peugeot 205xs	65
3	Jamie Yapp	Nova 1300	16
4	Roger Holder	Starlet	10
5	Richard Yapp	Nova 1300	8
	Class H		
1	David Thompson	Nova 1600	77
2	Mark King	Nova 1600	75
3	Chris Chapman	Striker	63
4	Toby Cook	Micra	55
5	Paul Mooney	Nova 1600	52
	Class L		
1	Helen Perren	Retrotester 1700	50
2	Steph Carey	Nova	30
3	Viv Livingston	Lotus 7	17
4	Clair Chambers	Buggy	9
	Class J		
1	Dave Evans	Blitz 2000	160
2	Paul Fobister	Haigh Special	145
3	Ian Chapman	Riot	134
4	Steve Morten	Raw Striker	126
5	Mike Biss	Striker	125



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Going SOLO

I can't believe that it is September and nearly the end of the season already As I write this the AutoSOLO Championship only has two rounds to go, and the Challenge has three plus the Grand Final at which, as last year, all will be decided. Looking at the Championship scores to date there is still all to play for, particularly as some contenders are starting to drop scores. It looks like it might even go to tie deciders it's so close between Kevin Belcher, Mike Biss, Ian Harrison and Ben Heggs, but there is also time for a "dark horse" to emerge to take the title. Similarly in the Challenge it really is too close to call at this stage. Xavier Brook is on a maximum score prior to the Final, but David Graves, Paul Dallyn and Ben Powers have time

to catch him up and put the cat amongst the pigeons in November.

With the end of the year in site, sorry but it is September, the Autotest Committee will be looking to review the regulations and events when we meet in October, so we would be grateful for any thoughts or recommendations from both the competitors and organisers which we can use for 2013. What are your thoughts on Test Design and layout, Class structure, Scoring, Vehicle eligibility, etc. I know that I am opening the gates for a deluge of comments (I hope), but it is important that we get feedback to ensure that both the Challenge and the Championship are satisfying the majorities requirements.

Steve Layton

BTRDA Newcomers Autosolo Challenge 2012 Provisional Scores

NAME	10-Jun-12	24-Jun-12	15-Jul-12	29-Jul-12	11-Aug-12	26-Aug-12	9-Sep-12	BEST 6 SCORES TO DATE
Bradley, Mark								28A
Brooke, Xavier								60D
Chan, Arthur			10D				10D	46D
Dallyn, Paul		10A		10A		10A	9A	56A
Dodrovolskis, Andrew						7A		13A
Fack, Jessica								
Graves, David	10A	9A		9A		9A		56A
Holder, Sam			10A		8A			25A
Hutchinson, Daniel		10E						26E
Moore, Graham			9D	9D	5D		1D	24D
Powers, Ben						9D		47D

Italic = Dropped score

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AutoSOLO Championship Provisional Scores

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NAME	24-Jun-12	15-Jul-12	29-Jul-12	11-Aug-12	9-Sep-12	Best 7 Scores
Belcher, Kevin				10C	10C	59C
Biss, Mike	10D	10D	10D	10D	7D	57D
Brooke, Xavier	8D	8D	9D	8D	9D	52D
Cule, Owen						13A
Fox, John		8A	9A			52A
Hardwick, Kevin		7A				16A
Harrison, Ian	5E	1E		8E	9E	62E
Harrison, Stuart		3E		6E	10E	53E
Heggs, Ben		9C	10C		9C	65C
Helm, Matthew						8D/29E
Holder, Roger		10A		10A		30A
Looker, Derrick						4A
MacKenzie, Martin		6A		6A		14A
Pullar, Jim		9A				27A
Sones, Michael			10B	10B		20B
Walker, Dave		8B				16B
Woodhouse, Clive	7C					16C
Yapp, Jamie			10A	9A		45A
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LOW DOWN TORQUE

A brief report this time, you will be relieved to know! Just my luck that, as I prepare to jet off to sunny climes, the good old English weather reverts to its tried and tested form by rolling out the sunshine just as the schools re-open.

Now, where was I?

Actually, little to add to my last jottings. Another entertaining Welsh Weekend has passed, again with no rain and the variety in the events, coupled with Barrie's pontificating over the Saturday evening meal, making for an amusing couple of days. Plus the fact that my AX didn't break down...!

If we are little light on event reports in this

issue, all will be remedied in the Winter edition – apologies – blame it on intrusive holidays!

Hopefully you will have put Saturday 27 April 2013 in your forward planners, when we will be mustering as part of the BTRDA's 75th Anniversary celebrations, followed by an evening of nostalgia, and perhaps forward-looking, over dinner at nearby Drayton Manor Park.

Good luck to everyone at the Grand Final on 28 October!

Neil Mackay

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Cymru Trial - North Wales Car Club – 21st July 2012

Dave Thomas and North Wales Car Club returned to their usual site to run their Golden Anniversary Gerry Evans Cymru Trial. Dave had done lots of research before hand and found the motoring news report from the first trial for all to read when the trial was multi-venue round the Orme.

Nick Pollitt's trials started the day before when the Saxo gearbox said "no" on the road in Lichfield and self destructed necessitating a swap to the ex BTRDA Drive Micra, whereby he then couldn't undo the wheel nuts until farmer Dave Oliver's muscles were flexed! Barry Parker was under pressure with a hat-trick of overall wins possible which had never been done before at the event.

All drivers and passengers were presented with a memorial badge for the day but only two were to spot the mistake on them. Who's gone to go and have a look at them now!

In class 1 Tim Beard broke the Saxo gear linkage on the first section ending the day on the spot and stopping co-pilot David Allman from doing a section. Nick, despite not fancying his chances in the Micra, lead Barrie by three points after the first round after Barrie powered the back round on the last hill and couldn't get moving again. Class two saw Duncan Stephens as the only competitor on the entry passing the eight and climb to the two on the first hill having got through the marsh, to open up a lead of six in the class from Neil Mackay who was tying with Mark Hails in Rupert's Mini with John Moffatt and Rupert a point behind. Dave Oliver had been busy in the garage working on the Imp, installing a 1200cc engine to move into class for chasing more MSA points over the weekend and was the only competitor past the nine on hill two leaving a muddy track to prove it.

Conditions had started extremely slippery under rubber with some hills proving optimistic but Dave soon eased these which saw scored drop substantially during the day. Nick again marvelled on



Adrian Read
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Angela Danby

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hill eight to clean it while Barrie couldn't get going again at the seven and opened out another three points. Peter Houghton was ten points behind and ready to watch the afternoon dual following Nick and Barrie. Neil and Duncan just managed to scrape past a critical seven pole on hill seven to score zeros while the rest of the entry stopped on this bank. So lunch saw Duncan leading Neil by six still, with John third, and Mark disappointed to have clipped a five on the last hill to drop from third to fifth and let Rupert in front. Dave gradually chipped away at John Ludford to break twenty three up, but only three in front of Duncan on dropped scores.

The afternoon saw significantly more grip everywhere and a very determined Neil to get the better of the Nova drivers for once. John had a poor third round to drop to fifth in class while Duncan took two points out of Neil. However, the final round saw John wake up finally with lowest marks in the class to snatch fourth in class by a point from Mark who was now really frustrated by the mornings five. Dave Oliver had a blinding afternoon dropping just six points hoping to snatch the overall and an important bonus point. Nick was glued to Barrie's bumper all afternoon and continued to

take points off him, especially on hill eight which Barrie didn't get passed the five all day and Nick only dropped four on all day. Dave Walker had a better afternoon despite been first on the hills.

Duncan Stephens took the fiftieth anniversary Cymru trial victory much to his and Helen's delight as it was the first trial that dad Mike had won back in 1964 (who also won the last championship round - Kidderminster 48years later!), and their first car trial win together, beating Neil by just seven points. Nick had extended his lead to seventeen points over Barrie in the end, and was left wondering if the Saxo could have won overall.

It was also great to see ten club competitors competing with the overall win going to Wayne Ladner who had come all the way from Derbyshire to beat Jon Turner, who had won the club section for a number of years, by a single point.

			Points	Index
1 st O/A	Duncan Stephens	Vauxhall Nova	72	76.9%
1 st Cl. 1	Nick Pollitt	Nissan Micra	110	92%
1 st Cl. 2	Neil Mackay	Citroen AX	79	84.3%
1 st Cl. 4	Dave Oliver	Hillman Imp	63	87.5%

Duncan Stephens

HCC Wales Car Trial Clwyd Vale MC – 22nd July 2012

This event was the second one of the two July back-to-back North Wales events, the day after the North Wales CC trial. Many of the competitors were the same as the previous day, and many stayed over at the same hotel in Abergele and had a good noggin and natter about all things car-like.

After some wet weather before that weekend, unusually for this summer, we had a dry and bright couple of days. So the wet ground was drying slowly, resulting in a mixture of tricky claggy bits and drying wet grass. Using the newer of the clubs venues, Peter Dale put on a good variety of eight very demanding hills set over two very different fields, although some of them were very tight.

A healthy entry of 24 in the main event and 8 in the Clubman's set off on this attractive venue with spectacular views, to tackle the tricky hills. Unfortunately, Jeff Buchanan was on his own in Class 3 as Dave Oliver had opted to run his

Imp in Class 4 (better points opportunity). On round 1, competitor's scores in all classes were very similar, and high. There were plenty of nines and tens on two or three hills and the deceptively slippery lower slopes were catching drivers out.

At lunch, I led Class 1 from Nick Pollitt in his Saxo. In Class 2, Rupert North in his Mini led Neil Mackay in his AX GT by only 2 marks and Class 4 was led by Dave Oliver in the Imp, but even he had a high score of 49 and a slender lead.

After lunch, CoC Peter had altered the hills and as usual the running order in class was reversed. I had a good round three, benefiting in the MR2 from the drying conditions and extending my lead over Nick. Dave Allman and Tim Beard were going very well, almost equalling Nick's score after being forced to borrow their brother's 1600 Saxo because their small engined one had broken the day before.

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'Not sure if the brother knew. In 2, John Moffatt in his Nova had a brilliant round and pulled up equal to Rupert. In 4 Dave extended his lead somewhat, yet was struggling on the index score because Tom Morris in the Mini had retired, leaving only 3 in the class.

The fourth and final round saw me in Class 1 continue to lower my score and extend my lead over Nick and Tim Beard came an excellent third. In Class 2, John consolidated his lead over Rupert, the drying conditions minimizing the benefit of the tiny Mini. Jeff won 3 in his own in the MX5, and Dave became more dominant in the Imp to streak ahead in Class 4.

On index, I managed to win overall, but by only 10% from Dave Oliver and John Moffatt equally.

A very enjoyable event to round off and particularly pleasant weekend of trialing and socialising. If anyone wants to join in on the overnight stay next year let me know as I usually coordinate the accommodation.

Many thanks to Graham Thomas, Pete Dale (en famille) and the rest of the Clwyd Vale Motor Club for organising and marshalling a very friendly event.

Barrie Paker.

Wye Valley Car Trial Ross and District Motorsports 12th August 2012

Rescheduled from 24th June due to being washed out and with competitors agreement still in all the championships as well as the MSA inter association team trial,

Trialing in August, got to be bone dry one would think, well it was dryish until 45mins. before due start time, then the heavens opened with a full on thunderstorm making the rest of pre event formalities a very unsociable affair, everyone retreating to their cars for shelter, except for clerk of the course Nigel Green who, as it started to rain went and altered all the hills and then again as the thunderstorm continued, so two major alterations to the hills before the event started, which it actually did some 45mins later than planned.

Off we all went down the greasy slope into the trials field, the field itself had stood up to the rain quite well, but round 1 was still a slippery affair, Nick Pollit seemed on form getting the better of Barrie Parker out of the 8 starters in class 1 on the first round.

Class 2 looked like being a battle of the Nova's, 12 starters here after Chris Buckles AX broke a driveshaft in the paddock resulting in a non start. 3 Imps a Reliant and a MX5 set to in class 3, imps setting the early pace. An unusually large entry in class 4 saw Paul Bartlemans superb Mk1 Escort, Adrian Marfell's Beetle and Ian Moss's great sounding large engined Imp all within a point on round 1.

Round 2, all hills altered, opened up and moved over off the greasy parts, it was just beginning to dry slightly by now although scores remained high. Nick P was keeping ahead of Barrie P in class 1, Class 2 was a little tighter, Duncan Stephens going a point better than John Moffatt and Paul Manning, Dave Oliver easing ahead in class 3. and Paul Bartleman having the best of class 4.

Quite a long lunch was taken whilst C of C altered all the hills, hill 6 was abandoned in favour of a new one as it became almost inaccessible.

Round 3, Barrie P getting on form taking a couple off Nick P. Class 2 battle of the Nova's, John M just 2 better than Duncan S. Class 3 and Dave O easing further ahead,

Class 4 and the powerful Imp of Ian Moss coming into its own. During the round a loud bang was heard across the site emitting from



**Paul Manning
Photo:
Angela Danby**

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the transmission of the Davey's class 2 Rover, that was the end of its day needing a tow out of the site.

Round 4 and things seem to continue in the same vane, with the retirement of Colin Reid and his Golf, not sure why.

Good to see a contingent of Classic Trials cars out in class 8. Dean Partington getting the better of them in his superbly built Wasp.

The Inter Association Team Trial was won by the AWMMC team of Nick Pollitt, John Moffatt and Dave Oliver. 6 teams entered, the AWMMC regaining the trophy after a couple of years of it going to ASWMC.

Thanks to the organisers and marshals, all hills well covered, marshalling was firm, fair and consistent. A special thanks must go to Clerk of the Course Nigel Green, who worked really hard altering hills and adapting to the changing conditions, resulting in a proper challenging trial without the need to use re starts or timed sections.

Class 1. Nick Pollitt

Class 2. John Moffatt

Class 3. Steve Courts

Class 4. Paul Bartleman

Class 8. Dean Partington

1st O/A Dave Oliver

DJO

Wolverhampton and South Staffs Car Club – Gaby Mohr Car Trial - Sept 9th 2012

After a 15-year lay off, John Fox stepped back into the C of C's role at the Gaby Mohr to try and follow the excellent example set by John Ludford over recent years. With able assistance from Sandra, Andrea and Chris looking after the paperwork he did a very good job of setting out the 4 rounds of 8 hills in the quite difficult conditions. Having ordered, and got, a glorious sunny day (shorts and legs were seen all over the place) the heavy overnight dew was to be quite a challenge for many on round 1. A rather nice touch was the, sometimes quirky, naming of all the hills. These included Hill 2 the "Shropshire Knot" (a double loop section), Hill 4 "round the oak tree" (guess where this went) and of course Hill 1 "the bomb hole". Hill 8, "a quick Shropshire Tour", was a timed hill with bogey of 20 secs.

Owing to Hill 5 cutting up badly on round 1 a new Hill 5 was included as another timed test for the last 3 rounds.

Once again I was making like a sack of potatoes for Barrie in the MR2 and from one glance at the entry list it was obvious that the Class 1 battle would be between him and Nick Pollitt in the Saxo and Adrian Read in the Yaris. This indeed was the case with Nick pulling out a lead of 12 on Adrian and 14 on Barrie by the end of round 1. At lunch Nick had extended his lead to 15 over Barrie and 17 over Adrian. Round 3 saw Nick drop a silly 9 to everyone else's 6 on hill 3 "in the weeds". Tim Beard was also creeping up on the outside to put himself into contention. Despite Barrie's efforts he could only tie with Nick on Round 4 so the Class was Nick's on 75 from Barrie's 84 with

Adrian just beating Tim by a couple of points to take 3rd.

Class 2 saw a continuation of the season long battle between Duncan Stephens and John Moffatt in their respective Nova's. Round 1 was again going to be the deciding round with John gaining a 5 point lead on co-driver Paul Manning and 7 points over Duncan. Rounds 2, 3 and 4 had the odd point gained or lost between John and Duncan with Paul falling behind them both. John took both the Overall win and the Class win from Duncan in 2nd place



**Roger Holder
Photo: Angela Danby**

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and a hard charging Ray Jacobs in the AX taking 3rd by just 1 point from Paul.

Dave Oliver started as he intended to continue by taking a 7 point lead over Steve Courts (both in Imps) and a further 3 points from Malcolm Brown in the Westfield in Class 3. A further 6 points on each of rounds 2 and 3 saw him take a comfortable Class win from Steve. With Malcolm getting a bad 9 on hill 7; "Mikes Mound"; Dave Harvey was able to sneak up on the outside to take 3rd from Malcolm.

I don't think there was any doubt about who was going to win Class 4 and this proved to be the case with John Ludford in the Marlin

stamping his authority on the Class. A convincing 30-point lead on round 4 dispelled any hopes the others might have had in this direction.

		Index
1 st	John Moffatt	60.60
2 nd	Dave Oliver	72.37 (the penalty of being in a smaller class)
3 rd	Duncan Stephens	72.42
4 th	John Ludford	85.01
5 th	Nick Pollitt	85.62

Mike Jones

Scorer's Snippets 10th September 2012

It looks as if the reduction in registrations for the Car Trial championship are in inverse proportion to the number of qualifiers for the Grand Final! About 20 or 22 qualified for the past two years from 35+ registrations and this year, with 30 registered contenders, we have 22 already in, with four more possible from the last qualifying event. Excellent news.

Into prediction mode; John Moffatt will be taking the maximum score of 50 Silver Star® points (that he already has) to the Grand Final, and he has to be the favourite for that win. However, second spot is going to be pretty close with Jeff Buchanan, Dave Harvey and Dave Walker all within a couple of points of each other – and if John wins overall, the fight for second could be the fight for the Silver Star Championship.

The Bronze Star® has more contenders who are in with a shout, but they are spread out a little more in points differences. The same bronze coloured Nova could pull off a double, with Paul Manning in his first year of trialling leading by a few points. He no doubt listens to John's words of wisdom and he learns quickly too. A bevy of Class One cars are close on his heels, with Tim Beard, Peter Houghton and John Wadsworth all in the mix. And Trevor Clark, Howard Blackwell and Roger Holder could be there too with one good score from the Ernest

Owen Trial. Too tight to call second, but I'll put my imaginary bet on Paul for the win.

Dave Oliver has to be the favourite for his seventh consecutive Jack Williams Trophy win, for the lowest marks lost through the season. Duncan Stephens is too far back to influence the top two, and with Dave having a 58 to drop compared to John Moffatt's 41, whatever the conditions at the Owen Trial, the current 11 point gap is surely to large.

The championship scores will be on the BTRDA website – usually updated by noon the day after an event. They are also displayed at most events – the ones I go to anyway! Alternatively, I can e-mail you a copy if so desired.

Simon Harris



John Moffatt
Photo: Angela Danby

CAR TRIALS CLASS 1 MR2 FOR SALE Barrie Parker 01344 876 196

Owing to an intended change of motor sport direction for me, I will probably be selling my Toyota MR2 in November after the Final.

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Musings

So the UK is currently looking back on what has been described as the greatest summer of sport in history and I missed it all. Didn't see Andy Murray cry at Wimbledon, or Bradley Wiggins cross the finish line in Paris, missed all of the olympic and paralympic action including Jessica Ennis winning the heptathlon, Mo Farah winning the double and Jonnie Peacock becoming the fastest amputee sprinter in the world. Also missed seeing Rory McIlroy win the US PGA Championship, and completely failed to stay up to the wee small hours to celebrate the first British Grand Slam Major win since 1936. Incidentally Andy Murray reportedly celebrated with HobNobs and IrnBru. I like that. It has been a great year to be British and apparently the BBC will be expanding the list of Sports Personality awards this year in recognition of the huge number of outstanding performances this year...

Although sport really needs to come with four wheels for me to be interested, this sporting black hole of a summer is not due entirely to general apathy and disinterestedness in non-petrol powered prowess. Partly I think, it is due to the fact that there is no TV in our house and whilst all the major channels have internet feeds, sport really does need to be watched live as it is something to be shared. Knowing that everyone in the crowd has already seen it and celebrated (or commiserated) together somehow makes a difference. There is an immediacy to sporting events and it is the instant surge of adrenaline that binds the nation in moments of tension and incredible human achievement. Watching on 'catch up' just isn't the same.

I did look into buying tickets for the olympics/paralympics when they were first on sale but was somewhat disillusioned by the process and the overarching assumption that someone buying tickets for archery must also

be interested in synchronised swimming or Greek wrestling. I'm not; and I wasn't willing to risk it. So we missed out on what was possibly the greatest sporting experience of a generation.

We also almost missed the mud-fest that was the British GP this year. We were one of the 20,000 or so fans with a public parking pass requested to stay away and it was late Saturday afternoon before it was confirmed we could go on race day. As it happens by the time Sunday rolled round, it was a glorious day in Northamptonshire and everything had dried out just enough so we had no problems at all with parking and it wasn't too bad inside the circuit either. One could have been forgiven for wondering what all the fuss had been about and we were secretly quite delighted when the heavens opened at the end of the post-race party and soaked us to the skin within seconds. Finally we were part of the full weekend experience and not just there for the race.

And it's not only sport. Theatre, comedy and music all have live events that simply can't be experienced any other way. If you've ever watched the Glastonbury highlights from the comfort of your living room, you'll know what I mean. Standing in a bucket of mud in your wellies and a summer dress just doesn't work. And it's the same for grass-roots motorsport. It will never make great, mainstream TV but can be a great day out, even for those who don't know one end of a car from the other (although that can help, especially when watching autotests). It really isn't always the winning that counts. Sometimes it is just being a part of it. So go on. Support live events. Try something new. Encourage other people to try something new. Tell them that yes, it might turn out to be rubbish, but the TV will still be there when you get home.

Julie Darbyshire

BTRDA® 2012 Championship Events

September 2012

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DEREK SMITH: Joined the BTRDA in 1951, competing regularly, particularly in Autotests, and won the Flather Star in 1963. After three years as Secretary of the Autotest Committee he became General Secretary of the Association from 1967-1982 and was also Treasurer during the same period. As Chairman of the Rallycross Committee from 1976 to 1978, and a Group 1 RAC Timekeeper, he did much to improve the standards of timekeeping at BTRDA Rallycross and Autocross events

PHIL and JANET DARBYSHIRE: Phil and Janet have been actively associated with the BTRDA since the 1960's, and both served on the Autotest Committee and since the Mid. 70's on the Allrounders Committee. Additionally they have helped to edit and publish BTRDA News since 1977. It was the Directors and Council's wish, endorsed by the Annual General Meeting that Phil and Janet Darbyshire be appointed as Honorary Members for Life.

BRIAN and MARGARET STAPLETON: Though almost exclusively with Sporting Trials Committee, Brian and Margaret have also served the Association since 1974 with Brian acting as Committee Secretary and Margaret as a co-ordinator for the Sporting Trials Dinner. Both continue as competitors and event officials and it was the Directors and Council's wish, endorsed by the Annual General Meeting that Brian and Margaret Stapleton be appointed Honorary Members for Life

MIKE and HAZEL STEPHENS: Mike has been involved in BTRDA activities for over 40 years, primarily concerned with the Production Car Trial committee and was its champion many times over, but also as secretary to the Rallies committee during the period of greatest development of both road and special stage championships. Chairmanship of the Association was taken up in 1982, and only relinquished in 1988 to the more demanding role of General Secretary until 2004. Hazel has been in charge of the organisation of the AGM and Awards Presentation day since 1988, and between them, their household has looked after the distribution and posting of News and Clear Round since the early 1980's. They continue to be involved with various activities of the Association, including Rallycross, the Luncheon, book-keeping, News and Clear Round.

HOWARD WILCOCK: Howard joined the BTRDA Rally Committee in 1979 and has been involved with the BTRDA Rally Championships since 1987, firstly with the Clubmans Championship, and subsequently the Gold Star Championship, as Championship Co-ordinator. Throughout this period, his wholehearted commitment has been unstinting, his judgement and decisions taken about the format of the championship as a whole have been crystal clear, resulting in the Gold Star Championship being the pinnacle of clubman motorsport. He continues to be involved in the championship, and represents BTRDA on a number of MSA Committees

BRIAN MIDGLEY: Brian has been involved with BTRDA for over 40 years, principally associated with the production car trial world where he was committee chairman, and fierce competitor, for many of those years, whilst he was also responsible for the Association's awards for almost a decade. A constant and authoritative member of Council, he became a director of the Association upon its conversion to a Limited Company, and subsequently elected as President in 1989. His tenure of that position has seen the Association make great strides forward, both in its dealings with the MSA and in the motorsport world at large. His was the greatest contribution in the re-organisation of the Association into Holding, and Operational, companies that exist today.

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