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**A view of the BTRDA<sup>®</sup> Stand at  
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## President's Notes Spring 2018

It has been a very busy start to 2018 for me. I attended the Forest Rally Presentations in Sutton Coldfield on 6 January. Sue and I sat on a competitors table this year and we thoroughly enjoyed the evening, lots of good banter. An important highlight of the night was the announcement of our new Sponsor JORDAN ROAD SURFACING. Barry Jordan is a regular competitor in our Championship driving his gorgeous Avenger BRM or his newer Fiat 131, which brings back memories for me when I was team Manager of the Fiat UK team in 1979 with Timo Salonen and Markku Alen as drivers. Thank you Barry.

The following week was the Autosport Show. I could only make the Thursday which I really enjoyed, much busier than usual due to the announcement of the 2018 WRC and BRC Championships. A big thanks to all who organised and manned the BTRDA stand on the Saturday and Sunday, we got a good response and our sponsors were very happy. The same weekend I flew to Dublin for a FIA Safety Seminar. It showed to me that both the UK and Ireland are ahead of the game in Safety matters but we have to make sure that in all our sports it should be our No.1. priority.

Our AGM and Luncheon at the Drayton Manor Hotel was a great success. My thanks go to Gemma Price, Sue Underwood and the presentation team of Mike Sones, Ann Cook, John Rook and Nick Pollitt. The new Chairman of the MSA, David Richards, was our guest, and he and his wife Karen enjoyed the day.

At the AGM we had a minutes silence to remember Tim Hobbs, who passed away on the 12th December. Tim had been fighting cancer for a couple of years, although many did not realise this, as Tim never liked a fuss. Tim was just a lovely person. He was a top class navigator/co-driver over many years, competing up to a few months before his death with Dave Higgs in his TR7 V8, but he will be better remembered for his drives with Will Onions in the Escort Mk2 and Gavin Cox who he sat with on 9 Rally GB events with some great results.

Tim originally worked in the banking sector, but lately was a supervisor for the Prince's Trust in Birmingham. He has been a huge part of BTRDA. He was the book keeper for, and a valuable member of the co-ordination team of the Forest Rally Championship and a committee member for many years. He was a Director of the Association and brought a calm but very amusing presence to our meetings. When not helping us, he was an active member of Telford MC and on his spare weekends was seen marshalling or stewarding on various events from night rallies to hillclimbs. I was very touched to see that the Rally North Wales organisers had named the famous Gartheiniog stage in Dovey in memory of Tim, he would have liked that.

Finally I would like to say a big thank you to Jane Evans and her team. She had a very successful start to the Protyre MSA Asphalt Championship on the Epynt Ranges with over 100 registrations so far, and its great to see so many of our friends back in all classes.

One point of interest was the live streaming which we did for the first time. We had over 120,000 viewers on the day, which is about 6 times more than our projected TV audience so we ask what future has TV coverage?

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## The BTRDA Luncheon 2018

It's perhaps the only time in the year when all 8 BTRDA championships get together and celebrate the successes in each of them. At the moment the Forest Rally Championship have their own dinner and awards night attracting a large number, as befits the championship with the largest number of entrants (267 in 2017). The Sporting Trial contenders have a grand final followed by a Dinner and evening activities local to the final – this year it was at the North Lakes Hotel & Spa in Cumbria that Ian Wright/Keil Wright celebrated their Gold Star. For the 2017 awards night the Rallycross championship entrants joined forces with the MDA (Minicross Drivers Association). So, that just leaves the Allrounders, Autotest, AutoSOLO and Car Trial BTRDA awards to be handed out and this was the main part of the awards bit at the Drayton Manor Hotel on Sunday, 21st January.

Before then there had been the AGM of the British Trial & Rally Drivers Association Ltd where the annual accounts were looked at, nominations made for members on the BTRDA Council and BTRDA Ltd Directors and voted for. It was a short punchy meeting chaired by President Mike Broad who kept everything under control. The only thing he did not quite get right was the late arrival of the cookies!

Just a short time later Mike was saying Grace for the 89 members and guests seated for the luncheon, I have listed the numbers as 89, but some did not make it due to the unpleasant snowy conditions and ice around the country. Amongst the guests was David Richards CBE, the newly appointed Chairman of the MSA and it was pleasing to see him chatting to BTRDA member Colin Hilton who retired from Chief Executive of the MSA in 2013. Also present were the new MSA Asphalt Championship (run by BTRDA) organiser, Jane Evans who was seen getting plenty of encouragement from the newly elected chairman of the Forest Rally committee, Neil Cross.

The lunch was silver service 3 course with ample amounts to keep the stomach well filled. In between courses there was a chance for each table to complete Mike Sone's face recognition quiz. Names for the 20 pictures of the famous and not so famous caused much discussion with no table getting them all correct.

Why is it we don't recognise minor government ministers? Whatever, the entry fees all went to the Air Ambulance. After coffee it was on to the awards with the splendid array of permanent trophies and glass replicas covering several tables and suitably arranged by Sue Underwood and her colleagues. First up were the winners of the BTRDA and MSA Car Trial championships awards presented by Mike Stephens, the Gold Star going to Shawn Franklin and the MSA title going to Rupert North. The Autotest awards were presented by chairman of the MSA Autotest committee, Mike Sones with words of explanation from Ann Cook. Richard Pinkney was the top winner here only just keeping ahead of the top 4 drivers to take the Gold Star. The AutoSOLO champion winners received their awards from BTRDA Council chairman Steve Layton, the major award here going to Jamie Yapp who used no less than 3 different cars during the year to score his points. John Rook showed some entertaining video of Rallycross action and Jeff Hope-Davies was represented with his Gold Star and trophy by Bill Skermer. The final set of awards for the BTRDA Allrounders Championship are what the late President Denis Flather used to call the top awards of the BTRDA and were presented by the top man at the MSA, David Richards CBE. John Wadsworth competed on no less than 50 events in 2017, not bad for an 80 year old! and was a well deserving winner of the Margot Young Trophy for 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. Richard Yapp picked up 2 awards with the Darbyshire Trophy for 2<sup>nd</sup> overall, and the Davijon Trophy for the best total using a single car (his Mazda MX5). The final Gold Star of the day and the Peter Cooper Trophy went to the overall winner John Fox. This concluded a well-run afternoon finishing on the time prescribed by Mike Broad. The presentations were made more entertaining by the wit of the presenters Nick Polliitt, Ann Cook and John Rook whilst John also operated the overhead projector of the pictures he had organised for all the award winners.

Will you be at Drayton Manor Hotel on the 27<sup>th</sup> January 2019 for the presentation of the awards and recognition of your achievements in 2018? See you there.

**Peter Cox**



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## Jordan Road Surfacing BTRDA® Rally Series



### THE BEAST FROM THE EAST...

For the second year running, the start of the Jordan Road Surfacing BTRDA Rally Series® has been disrupted by adverse weather conditions. Last year the Cambrian Rally was forced to call it a day shortly after getting under way and, this time, the organisers of the Malcolm Wilson Rally were faced with no option but to postpone their event after what became known as the 'Beast from the East' deposited large amounts of snow and ice across much of the UK in the days before everyone would have been setting out for M-Sport's HQ in Dovenby. With the blessing of the MSA, they were hopeful of securing an alternative date later in the season, but the non-availability of certain forests on their preferred October date eventually scuppered their plans. Our commiserations and thanks to all involved with the Malcolm Wilson Rally for all their hard work and we must now wait until March 2019 before the opportunity to sample the Lake District stages presents itself once more.

Following their experience last year, there'll have been a number of badly-bitten finger nails amongst the team from North Wales Car Club prior to the start of the Cambrian Rally. However, fate smiled on them this time and the event took place without a hitch. Notwithstanding an absence of four years (he was 3<sup>rd</sup> on his last appearance in 2014), Paul Bird returned to North Wales to take 2<sup>nd</sup> overall and, more importantly, maximum points on the opening round of the 2018 Jordan Road

Surfacing BTRDA Gold Star® Rally Championship. Unlike a number of his fellow competitors, the Cumbrian driver (no, not Cambrian, Cumbrian - he's from Penrith!), accompanied by Jack Morton, has kept the faith with his Focus WRC and, in spite of an incorrect tyre choice for the final couple of stages, the partnership came up trumps.

Undoubtedly, 2017 Gold Star Champions Stephen Petch/Michael Wilkinson would have liked to kick off the defence of their title with a win but, nevertheless, a solid run in their Fiesta WRC saw them take the final podium spot, 24s behind Bird, and a good haul of points to boot! Late entry Osian Pryce in his Mitsubishi Mirage was just 4s adrift of Petch by close of play, with Fiestas filling the next three places. Marking a return to the BTRDA Series, Julian Reynolds proved that he is still a potent force at this level - he and Patrick Walsh led former Cambrian winner Hugh Hunter, who had Manxman Rob Fagg along for the ride, and 2016 Gold Star Champion Charlie Payne and Ian Windress over the finish ramp in Llandudno, each setting off their new campaigns in fine style.

Dylan Davies/Llion Williams' Impreza took the B13 class win in 8<sup>th</sup> place, half a minute in front of the Escort Cosworth of Ian Joel/Graeme Wood, with the Top Ten being closed out by BTRDA Production Cup winners on the day, Russ Thompson/Andy Murphy.

In the case of Matt Edwards, his 'home' event (his dad is Clerk of the Course!) was definitely a

case of what might have been! He set FTD on the opening seven-miler through Penmachno by a staggering 16s from Hunter but then in its haste, on the next stage, his Fiesta caught the end of a log which, in turn, broke a strut. Game over? Well, in terms of a good result, yes - but, in line with a new Blue Book regulation, once he'd sorted himself out, he was allowed to continue, albeit with major time penalties. So, having missed SS2/3, he went on to set fastest times on each of the final four stages to come home in 74<sup>th</sup> place out of the 75 finishers.....



**Gold Star leaders Paul Bird/Jack Morton Cambrian Rally**  
Photo: Kevin Money/Malcolm Almond





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Luke Francis/John H Roberts' move from their past Cambrian-winning Mitsubishi Lancer to a Fiesta WRC seemed to be going according to plan - they were lying 4<sup>th</sup> after SS4, but then everything went awry on the next when they removed a front wheel.... Even so, they fared somewhat better than Sacha Kakad/James Aldridge who had also joined the ranks of Fiesta owners for the new season but, unfortunately, their example suffered problems with its starter motor prior to the first stage and, consequently, was not to be used in anger...

There was a delay on the opening stage after Simon Rogers launched his Lancer EVO6 into the scenery at high speed - 'aerobatics' in his words, but he is full of apologies to those he held up and full of praise for those involved in extricating him and taking him to Rhyl Hospital for a check-up. He was released later that day and promises to be back when - quote - 'he and the Mustard Missile are a bit better'....

Following on from the close finish to last year's BTRDA Production Cup®, the new season has started in a similar vein with the top two finishers a mere handful of seconds apart after 45 miles of stages! The Lancer EVO9s of Russ Thompson/Andy Murphy and defending champions Pat Naylor/Ian Lawrence were the major players, especially after a returning Tom Naughton, with Will Rogers, had been forced to throw in the towel when his own EVO9 succumbed to mechanical issues on the fifth of the seven stages.

Thompson was fully 15s quicker than Naylor through the opener and, increasing his advantage by more modest amounts over the next few stages, inflicted damage to an extent that, even when Naylor hit back to take 11s out of his rival on the penultimate stage and a further four on the last one, the order still didn't change. Dan Moss/Sam Allen finished just outside the Top 20 to make it a Lancer 1-2-3 at this early stage in the proceedings, but all the signs are pointing to some exciting tussles as the season progresses....

There's a definite Welsh bias to the upper echelons of the Fiesta ST Trophy points table at this early stage of the contest! Zak Hughes (Welshpool)/Tom Wood (Cwmbran) took top honours first time out, ahead of James Giddings (Swansea)/Sion Cunliffe (Gaerwen) and Calvin Green (Treorchy)/Osian Owen (Rhyl). Of those not classified as finishers, the Tordoffs, Mathew & Tim, ended their day in a Stage 1 ditch, Brynmor Pierce took a wheel off his example on the next one, joining Martin Lavery/Phil Kenny who also didn't make SS3 and then Richard Wells ground to a halt with a broken driveshaft on SS5.

Using their local knowledge to good effect, the Rowlands brothers took centre stage in the battle for Jordan Road Surfacing Silver Star® Championship points. In spite of a lucky escape at one point (and posted on Youtube for all the world to see!), John Rowlands/Glenn Latham won the two-wheel drive category outright with 15<sup>th</sup> overall in their Escort, while Ieuan and Emyr Hall were three places and exactly half-a-minute down in Barry Jordan's Avenger BRM to take 3<sup>rd</sup>. However, what we didn't see coming was the 1400cc Talbot Sunbeam of Chris Powell/Jim Lewis finishing between the Blaenau Ffestiniog brothers! 17<sup>th</sup> overall and a class win by nearly four minutes should fill the Hereford pair full of confidence for their assault on the 1400 Championship title...

Andy Davison/Tom Murphy are also pretty handy in their Talbot Sunbeam VXR, beating last year's Silver Star runners-up, Rob Dennis/Andy Boswell (Escort), by one place and



**Silver Star leaders John Rowlands/Glenn Latham  
Cambrian Rally**

Photo: Kevin Money/Malcolm Almond





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one second! Then Owen McMackin/Lee Taylor, in another Escort, made Class B12 all their own, ahead of the similar car of former Silver Star Champions Allan McDowall/Gavin Heseltine.

Ieuan Rowlands/Emyr Hall also took their loaned Avenger to top BTRDA Historic Cup® points, finishing ahead of Mr Jordan himself who, for his part and with some help from Paul Wakely, was next up in a Fiat 131 Abarth.

Among those who could have reasonably expected to feature in the results - but didn't! - were Nick Dobson/Steve Pugh who were left deflated after their Escort suffered two punctures and carried only one spare, and Richard Sykes/Simon Taylor whose hopes of getting their Citroen DS3 R3T back to Llandudno were dashed by a visit to a ditch in Penmachno North.

Heralding the launch of the new BTRDA Rallye R2 Cup, nine drivers took up the challenge and, from them, the Fiestas of George Lepley/Tom Woodburn and Bob Vardy/Keaton Williams were first and second respectively. While George finished comfortably ahead of Bob, the third-placed Peugeot 208 of Jack Leese/Sam Spencer was a mere three seconds adrift.

Charlie Barlow/Emma Morrison continued the Fiesta dominance with 4<sup>th</sup> place, with like-minded Alex Waterman/Harry Thomas and Tony Simpson/Ian Bevan rounding off the Top Six.

There are two sides to every coin and, as such, both crews who failed to make the finish were also in Fiestas! Better luck next time to Jordan Reynolds, who had enlisted the services of 2016 Silver Star Champion Co-driver Caron Tomlinson for the event, and Roger Nevitt/Mike Smith....

Already credited above, Chris Powell/Jim Lewis were certainly punching above their weight on the Cambrian in their Talbot Sunbeam. Of course, Top Twenty finishes on BTRDA Series events in 1400cc cars are not unheard of - who can forget Julian Wilkes' fabulous 3<sup>rd</sup> overall on the snowy 2012 Wydean in his Nova? However, with all due deference to Mr Wilkes, those were exceptional circumstances.... For Messrs Powell/Lewis, their mission - should they

choose to accept it! - is to do everything within their power to maintain the Sunbeam's reliability. Last year, they started six rounds, from which the euphoria of a first and two seconds was muted by three retirements. Gentlemen, over to you.

Hefin Lloyd-Davies' Corsa was 2<sup>nd</sup> on the day, with Perry Gardner/Toby Brick (Nova) 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Brick family - dad Dave and brothers Freddy & Toby - have been staunch supporters of the 1400s over the years and it's good to see Toby upholding family honour into 2018. Pete Gorst/Phil King took 4<sup>th</sup>-placed points in another Nova, whilst Tommi Meadows will be another eternally grateful that the event was running to the new Blue Book regulation that allowed him to rejoin after an earlier problem. OK - he was classified last finisher in his Ford Ka but, nevertheless, he left Llandudno with a reasonable points haul to take to his next event.

Sam & Liam Johnson emerged from the forests of North Wales to take victory on the opening round of this year's BTRDA Rally First® Championship. Their Seat Arosa finished ahead of the 2.0 litre VW Lupo of Matthew Baddeley/Shawn Hughes and the Nissan Micra of Owen McConochie/Rhodri Williams which, from looking at the results, you just feel had had one of those days it would rather forget. The same could probably be said for Richard Ingleby/Alex Booth who, having journeyed all the way up to Llandudno from Bridgwater and Hereford respectively with their MG ZR, suffered the indignity of retirement on SS3 with mechanical issues...

Next on the agenda is the Rallynuts Stages (aka Severn Valley!) as the Midland Manor MC-organised event rejoins the BTRDA Rally Series for the first time since 1989 and sees contenders making the first of two visits to the Royal Welsh Showground in Builth Wells.

Further details of the Jordan Road Surfacing BTRDA Rally Series can be found at: [www.btrdarally.com/](http://www.btrdarally.com/) and, likewise, all you need to know about the MAXXIS MSA English Rally Championship is available at:

[www.englishrally.co.uk/](http://www.englishrally.co.uk/)

**Andrew Haill**







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### Gold Star Championship

	Overall Driver	Points
1	Paul Bird	30
2	Stephen Petch	28
3	Osian Pryce	27
4	Julian Reynolds	26
5	Hugh Hunter	25
	Overall Co-Driver	Points
1	Jack Morton	30
2	Michael Wilkinson	28
3	Patrick Walsh	27
4	Rob Fagg	26
5=	Llion Williams/ Ian Windress	25

### Silver Star Championship

	Overall Driver	Points
1	John Rowlands	30
2	Chris Powell	28
3	Ieuan Rowlands	27
4	Andy Davison	26
5	Robert Dennis	25
	Overall Co-Driver	Points
1	Glenn Latham	30
2	Jim Lewis	28
3	Emyr Hall	27
4	Tom Murphy	26
5	Andrew Boswell	25

## 1400 Championship

	Overall Driver	Points
1	Chris Powell	30
2	Hefin Lloyd-Davies	28
3	Parry Gardener	27
4	Pete Gorst	26
5	Tommi Meadows	25

	Overall Co-Driver	Points
1	Jim Lewis	30
2	Toby Brick	28
3	Phil King	27
4=	David Sloan/ Robert Smith	1

### BTRDA Rally First Championship



Driver	Points	Co-driver	Points
Sam Johnson	30	Liam Johnson	30
Owen McConochie	29	Rhodri Williams	29
Mathew Baddeley	28	Shaun Hughes	28

### The Historic Cup



Driver	Points	Co-driver	Points
Ernie Graham	20=	Robin Kellard	20=
Ieuan Rowlands	20=	Emyr Hall	20=
Barry Jordan	19	Paul Wakely	19





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### BTRDA Production Cup



Driver	Points	Co-driver	Points
Russ Thompson	20	Andy Murphy	20
Patrick Naylor	18	Ian Lawrence	18
Daniel Moss	17	Sam Allen	17

### BTRDA Rallye R2 Cup



Driver	Points	Co-driver	Points
George Lepley	20	Tom Woodburn	20
Robert Vardy	18	Keaton Williams	18
Jack Leese	17	Sam Spencer	17

### Fiesta ST Trophy



Driver	Points	Co-driver	Points
Zak Hughes	20	Tom Wood	20
James Giddings	18	Sion Cunliff	18
Kalvin Green	17	Osian Owen	17

All results are shown following Cambrian Rally



With the cancellation of the Malcolm Wilson the first round of the MSA English Rally Championship will now be the Carlisle Stages Rally on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2018.

**Rallye 2 Cup Leaders**  
George Lepley/Tom Woodburn  
Cambrian Rally  
Photo: Kevin Money/Malcolm Almond



**Fiesta ST Trophy Leaders**  
Zak Hughes/Tom Wood  
Photo: Kevin Money/Malcolm Almond



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## **TIM HOBBS 1956 - 2017**

It was with great sadness that just before Christmas last year, the BTRDA learned of the passing of one of its most popular members, Tim Hobbs.

Tim had been a member, and Treasurer, of the BTRDA Rally Committee since 2003 and more recently had become a member of the BTRDA Board. During this time the BTRDA was able to draw on his extensive knowledge and experience, and he made an invaluable contribution toward the success of the BTRDA Rally Series.

On leaving school he joined the banking profession, but subsequently moved on to become Enterprise Manager for The Princes Trust. He was able to call upon the skills he acquired and developed in these environments, to the benefit of the Association.

Tim was a popular and well known competitor, competing extensively for many years, having started in the early 1970s with his brother Phil. In 2009 he was BTRDA Silver Star Champion Co-driver, sitting alongside Will Onions. He competed on thirteen WRGB/ RAC Rallies, and despite his ill health, he continued competing during 2017. He served as Chairman of the International Rally Drivers Club, but was just as happy as an organiser, or a marshal, and was always ready and willing to be involved on events in any capacity.

He was a quiet, unassuming individual, had enormous enthusiasm for motor sport, but was mischievously and dryly humorous about those who failed to meet his own high standards.

We and his many friends throughout motorsport remember him with great affection and miss him tremendously.

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# **BTRDA® Allrounders Championship Supported by reis**

## **ALLROUNDERS Spring 2018**

A new year and looking forward to another Allrounders Championship. We have new entrants and returners, a good mix of sport participants and those looking to try other disciplines, some for the first time.

But first we record last year's award winners, as our championship did not end until 31st December:-

<b>Champion</b>	Peter Cooper Trophy	John Fox
<b>Runner up</b>	Darbyshire Trophy	Richard Yapp
<b>Third</b>	Margot Young Trophy	John Wadsworth
<b>One Car</b>	Davijon Trophy	Richard Yapp - Mazda MX5

**Other Qualifiers:** Alan Wakeman, Nick Pollitt, Dave Walker and Phil Darbyshire.

The Association's AGM and Awards Lunch was held at the Drayton Manor Hotel in January and was attended by some 80 plus members and guests. We were delighted that the new Chairman of MSA David Richards attended and presented the Allrounders awards. It was also good to see Colin Hilton a past CEO of The MSA and longtime BTRDA member.

Our Allrounders under the age of 25 did not feature in the awards this year but we are looking forward to some at least coming back and maybe tasting some of our other sports.

Perhaps I should remind you that all qualifiers have an award at the end of the Championship year.

We thank NuCasa for their much appreciated support in 2016 and 2017. Their website is worth a look for funky homeware. Our Championship this year welcomes back REIS INSURANCE as a supporter and, when you have an Insurance requirement, we hope you

will try REIS to see if they can provide you with the best cover at the right price.

This year's early events in the BTRDA calendar of Serious Fun have not gone to well, with the exceptional poor weather with rain then snow interrupting so many, resulting in postponements or cancellations. Our thoughts go out to those organisers when this happens. A lot of extra work re-scheduling, cancelling venues and catering, toilets etc. contacting competitors, hopefully before they were setting out to the events.

At least some events did miss the early difficult weather, mainly Autosolo and Autotest, so it is from these events that our competitors current points have come. The photos all come from AutoSOLO and feature newcomers to the 2018 Championship. The rally and sporting trials which have happened all ran without any Allrounders participation. Our early bird points scorers are on the points table in this News and on the BTRDA Allrounders web site.

A note for our newcomers and a reminder to you all - don't forget that points from events in the Speed group (National A and National B sprints, hillclimbs and autocross) need to be claimed direct from Steve Layton by letting him have a copy of the results.

At the time of writing for copy date of March 20th, there are 9 months ahead of motorsport to take part in and as I always remind you to plan your Allrounders calendar of events so that you do the required number of events and groups to



**Richard Pain at Knutsford & DMC Autosolo**  
**Photo: Duncan Wild**





# **BTRDA® Allrounders Championship**

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qualify. What do points get? PRIZES of course. Over this weekend Saturday March 17 at Silverstone was the first round of the British Rallycross Championship. and it was good to see three of our last year's Juniors doing well in their event final. Well done James and Tom Constantine and Morgan Wroot. Another

Allrounder from last year competing at Silverstone was Tony Lynch.

Hope to see you at events this year and that you have a good year with BTRDA Allrounders.

Whatever the weather, enjoy your motorsport,

**Phil D**

### **My Allrounders & Motorsport Plan for 2018**

The annual BTRDA prize presentation event at the end of January marked the end of the 2017 season and the start of the 2018 season. For those of you who missed this event, what a great occasion you missed, the organisers and the presenters must have spent oceans of time in the preparation for the day - thank you one and all.

Now one starts planning for the new season, preparing the car or cars, do you need to make improvements, it is likely that your fellow competitors will do some tinkering, so it is well worth thinking how you can improve your car. If you change nothing, nothing will change. As I enter the standard class in both car trials and speed events I am limited to what I can change.

Decide on what championships you are going to enter and then decide on the events, though this can be frustrating as you often get date clashes which can be annoying or you want to do an event in one part of the country one day and the following day another event at the other end of the country or even over the border in Scotland

I will be entering BTRDA Production Car Trial championship, 12 events though I can only do 9 events due to date clashes. These events are run in conjunction with the MSA Car Trial Championship so I will also be entering that championship.

Car trials will form my main events in the Allrounders Championship with speed events and one or two Autosolos, maybe more if I can learn how to keep to the right course. I am going to try and enter events which are a bit quicker and enable the use of second gear, though going quicker may mean I

get lost quicker. The alternative is to use a passenger who knows what he is doing.

I have decided on four hill climb and sprint championships. My first is the Prescott B license Championship with 8 events in four locations - Prescott, Shelsley Walsh, Loton Park and MIRA. This is a handicap championship where you get a target time based on your previous times at that venue or your practice times on the day.

My second championship is the Cross Border Championship which is a Scottish run championship with hill climbs and sprints both in Scotland and Northern England. There are 22 events of which your best 9 are used to calculate the results. This is a great championship because you end up going to events you would never go to such as Forrestburn and Doune as well as many northern venues such as Harewood, Barbon and Blyton Park. You also meet a whole new crowd of competitors on the Scottish events plus travelling in Scotland is much easier than in England due to much less traffic.



**Elis Matthews and Dad at Knutsford & DMC Autosolo**  
**Photo: Duncan Wild**



## **BTRDA® Allrounders Championship**

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My third hill climb and sprint championship is the Classic Marques Championship which is unusual as pre season your car is tested on a rolling road and also weighed including the driver and a complicated formula works out a factor. This factor is applied to your times on each event, the idea being that a standard Frogeye Sprite can compete with a fully sorted TVR Griffith. This championship is new to me this year so I will let you know how it works later in the season. There are 25 venues from a Goodwood Sprint to a sprint at Croft, with hill climbs at Harewood, Ty Groes, Prescott and Wiscombe with sprints at Lydden Hill and Castle Combe. Your best 8 events count towards your championship score.

My fourth hill climb and sprint championship is Longton & District Northern Championship which is a conventional championship based on class results. There are 21 events from Anglesey Circuit to hill climbs at Harewood, Barbon, and Olivers Mount and sprints at Aintree, Blyton Park. Your best 9 results qualify for the championship results.

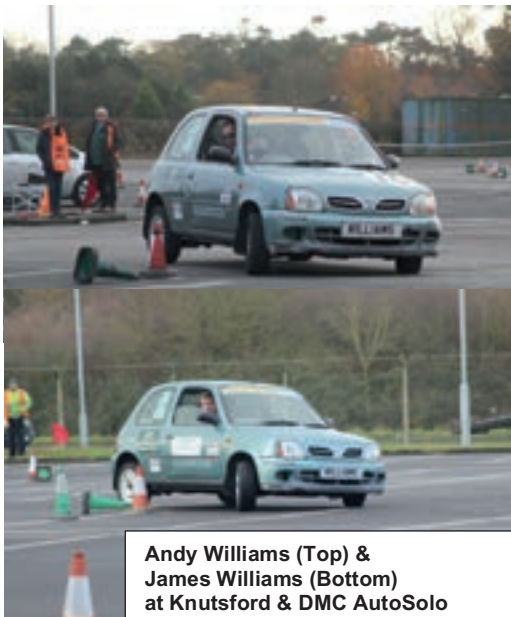
Finally the Association of North Western Car Clubs (ANWCC) have their own championship based on all the clubs who are members of the ANWCC. If you just enter one championship you are automatically entered in all of the other championships such as stage rallies, historic rallies, sprints, hill climbs and car trials. I enter the car trial championship which covers Production Car Trials and then I am entered in the Sprint Championship and the Hill Climb Championship and the Allrounders. Unlike many championship you have to enter most of the events to do well in this championship. Though I plan to enter 9 of the 11 car trials I can only enter 8 of the 17 sprints events and 5 of the 9 hill climb events. This is mainly due to date clashes. However, the Allrounders is based on your 10 best events, a number which is achievable though this still favors those who enter more events. I cannot disagree with this ruling.

I will also enter around 4 of the BTRDA Autosolo championship events to try and get a reasonable score for the BTRDA Allrounders Championship as I need just one good score for this championship. Last year I made the mistake of only entering two Autosolos. If I was good at this I would only need to enter one event but maybe more practice will help.

That is the plan for 2018, so hopefully with some good planning and preparation, sorting out the diary for the year and ensuring events are entered as early as possible. To keep track of this I use a paper spread sheet to document all the planned events, note the date the entry is posted, keep a copy, and date of confirmation of receipt and plan the accommodation, if required. This can be tricky as often one has to book hotels before the regs are issued. Entering 50 events a year- you need a system or better still a Secretary.

So I wish you all the best for the 2018 season and I look forward to seeing many of you during the year.

*John Wadsworth*



**Andy Williams (Top) &  
James Williams (Bottom)  
at Knutsford & DMC AutoSolo  
Photo: Duncan Wild**



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### **Provisional Overall Scores to 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

	Name		Score	Group	Score	Group	Score	Group	TOTAL
	Jamie	Yapp	16.67	H	17.78	H	13.75	E	<b>48.20</b>
	Liam	Rollings	18.33	H	15.00	H			<b>33.33</b>
	Richard	Yapp	15	H	11.11	H			<b>26.11</b>
	Jim	Bryant	17.78	H					<b>17.78</b>
U 25	Luke	Constantine	17.78	E					<b>17.78</b>
U 25	Elis	Mathews	10.00	A	6.67	H			<b>16.67</b>
	Lee	Mathews	6.67	A	10.00	H			<b>16.67</b>
U 25	Morgan	Wroot	15.56	E					<b>15.56</b>
	Alastair	Moffatt	14.29	A					<b>14.29</b>
	Paul	Johnson	13.33	E					<b>13.33</b>
	Alan	Wakeman	13.33	H					<b>13.33</b>
	Andrew	Williams	13.33	H					<b>13.33</b>
U 25	James	Constantine	13.33	E					<b>13.33</b>
	Bill	Bourne	4.44	A	8.00	H			<b>12.44</b>
U 25	James	Williams	11.67	H					<b>11.67</b>
U 25	Tom	Constantine	11.11	E					<b>11.11</b>
	Nick	Pollitt	10.00	H					<b>10.00</b>
	John	Wadsworth	10.00	B					<b>10.00</b>
	Dave	Evans	8.57	A					<b>8.57</b>
	Dave	Walker	7.5	B					<b>7.50</b>
U 25	Amy	Baines	6.67	E					<b>6.67</b>
	Duncan	Wild	5.71	A					<b>5.71</b>
U 25	Fred	Ling	5.00	E					<b>5.00</b>
U 25	Miranda	Wakeman	5.00	H					<b>5.00</b>
	Richard	Pain	3.33	H					<b>3.33</b>
	David	Allman							
	Trevor	Clarke							
	Phil	Darbyshire							
	Andrew	Dobrovolskis							
	Pat	Egger							
	Richard	Egger							
	John	Fox							
U 25	Tom	Heydon							
U 25	Todd	Crooks							
U 25	Jordine	Wadge							

A - Autotest      B - Car Trials      C - Forest Rally      D - Asphalt Rally      E - Rallycross  
F - Sporting Trials      G - Speed      H - AutoSOLO

\* Indicates Rally Co-driver    *Names in italics indicates Davijon score*



## **BTRDA® Sporting Trials Championship**

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In spite of Sporting Trials being a winter sport it is surprising that long term we only seem to average around one cancellation due to weather per year. This year has been different, as although we are only one third of the way through our season we have lost three trials so far.

The BTRDA Gold and Silver Star Final was run in Cumbria in early January and it could have been weather affected but a canny choice of site and a bit of luck meant it worked really well, with 38 runners including 5 Irish visitors, after a very hard fought contest Ian Wright in his Sherpa Indy scored 40 to beat Northern Ireland's Brian Edgar by just two points. The Silver Star was won by Tom McKinney also from NI, with an outstanding result that placed him 12<sup>th</sup> overall.

There was a long pause in the calendar but sadly the next event, the Charles Pollard at Uppingham was cancelled in late February, then the snow came but surprisingly the Waslingham, run by 750MC, ran successfully in early March in Hampshire but understandably given the inclement weather, whilst it attracted 31 entries, only 16 brave souls turned up for the trial, of whom seven ran in the Club Class. Ian Wright followed up his stunning victory in the Gold Star with his Sherpa Indy a few weeks earlier with another one here, closely followed by Richard Sharp's Cartwright a few points adrift.

The following weekend in early March we had two events scheduled, both at Shelsley Walsh and we were very worried about the state of the ground after a lot of rain. The Saturday event was one of our Trials Training Days that we run each Spring and Autumn, and we attracted nine participants, one of whom did the Masterclass as he was a car owner, whilst the others were novices. We had four cars with instructors for them, and had a great day as proved by the appreciative emails received after the event. During the day the MAC Club who run Shelsley announced that the Blankstone Trial the following day was cancelled. Given the state of the ground this was undoubtedly the correct decision, after a few runs we were able to move the sections during the Training Day before the ground cutup too badly, something not possible at a proper trial. It was very damp as it was but I offered the participants the option to call it a day at lunch, which they unanimously rejected

and voted to carry on. As it happened we had an even better afternoon as the drizzle slowly retreated. One lovely coincidence on the training day was one couple from Cambridge met up with a local couple from Worcester at Shelsley and it turns out they were great friends some 35 years previously and had lost contact

The following weekend a "two header" was scheduled in Cumbria, the Butterfield on Saturday and the Stone Trough on Sunday. The Butterfield ran successfully with a small entry of 16 but the Stone Trough was cancelled due to weather. Richard Sharp's Cartwright took the honours from local driver Brian Walker who tied with Bob Packham, an outstanding result in his live axle Kincraft. The Northern Phoenix Club hope to re-run the cancelled Stone Trough later in the year, and to award the unique trophy which is a little trough carved from the local stone, on a wooden plinth.

The Presidents at Waterlooville in Hampshire followed a Historic Trial the previous day on the same site. By all accounts it was very wet indeed for the Historic on Saturday but it dried out considerably for the Presidents on Sunday, which attracted a reasonable entry of 26, including four in the Club Class, and conditions were ideal for the sections even if the small paddock was pretty gooey! Ian Wright was again the winner in his Sherpa Indy, with a decent margin on 23 marks but behind him there were loads of ties, two on 31, one on 32, two on 35, and three on 36, pity the poor scorer, who managed to produce the results very quickly so those like John Fack (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Roland Uglow (3<sup>rd</sup>) who both had to return to Cornwall, and Richard Sharp (4<sup>th</sup>) to York, were able to get home at a reasonable hour.

At the time of writing next weekend's Geoff Taylor Trial which is slated to be run at Church Stretton in the lee of the Long Mynd is subject to some doubt, as the Mynd was snow covered this morning, and lots of rain is forecast for the next couple of days, so fingers crossed!

All in all a pretty poor start to the season mainly due to weather, and entries have been at the lower end of the scale, we can only hope for better in the next few weeks before the summer break.

Maybe hope to see you on some of the drier hills?  
**Julian Fack.**

# BTRDA® Sporting Trials Championship

## Top BTRDA Championship Positions after the Presidents Trial

Independent Red Class											
Position	Driver	Class	Axle	Total	Best 10	Average	Events	Walsingham	Peter Blankstone	Stuart Butterfield	Presidents
1	Richard Sharp	Red	Indi	86	86	28.67	3	29		30	27
2	Stuart Beare	Red	Indi	78	78	26	3	25		28	25
3	Ian Wright	Red	Indi	60	60	30	2	30			30
4	George Watson	Red	Indi	50	50	25	2	28		22	
5	Bryan Walker	Red	Indi	29	29	29	1			29	
Independent Blue Class											
1	Nick Speed	Blue	Indi	47	47	23.5	2	27			20
2	John Cole	Blue	Indi	46	46	23	2			24	22
3	Barry Hogg	Blue	Indi	27	27	27	1			27	
4	Pat Henson	Blue	Indi	23	23	23	1			23	
5	Paul Faulkner	Blue	Indi	23	23	23	1				23
Live Red Class											
1	Steve Courts	Red	Live	30	30	30	1				30
2	Brian Thornton	Red	Live	29	29	29	1			29	
Live Blue Class											
1	Arthur Carroll	Blue	Live	29	29	29	1				29
2	Alan Baker	Blue	Live	27	27	27	1				27
3	Dave Hailes	Blue	Live	26	26	26	1				26
All Live Axle Classes											
1	Steve Courts	Red	Live	30	30	30	1				30
2	Arthur Carroll	Blue	Live	29	29	29	1				29
3	Brian Thornton	Red	Live	29	29	29	1			29	
4	Alan Baker	Blue	Live	27	27	27	1				27
5	Dave Hailes	Blue	Live	26	26	26	1				26
All Driver Classes											
1	Richard Sharp	Red	Indi	86	86	28.67	3	29		30	27
2	Stuart Beare	Red	Indi	75	75	25	3	24		27	24
3	Ian Wright	Red	Indi	60	60	30	2	30			30
4	George Watson	Red	Indi	48	48	24	2	28		20	
5	Nick Speed	Blue	Indi	42	42	21	2	27			15
6	John Cole	Blue	Indi	40	40	20	2			23	17
7	Roland Uglow	Red	Indi	29	29	29	1				29
8	Bryan Walker	Red	Indi	29	29	29	1			29	
9	John Fack	Red	Indi	28	28	28	1				28
10	Barry Hogg	Blue	Indi	26	26	26	1			26	



# BTRDA® Sporting Trials Championship



## 2018 MSA British Championship Provisional Top Scorers Scores after the Presidents Trial

All Competitors											
Position	Driver	Class	Axle	Total	Best 9	Average	Events	Walsingham	Peter Blankstone	Stuart Butterfield	Presidents
1	Richard Sharp	Red	Indi	41	41	13.67	3	14		15	12
2	Ian Wright	Red	Indi	30	30	15	2	15			15
3	Stuart Beare	Red	Indi	30	30	10	3	9		12	9
4	George Watson	Red	Indi	18	18	9	2	13		5	
5	Ross Bruce	Blue	Live	16	16	8	2	10			6
6	Bryan Walker	Red	Indi	14	14	14	1			14	
7	Roland Uglov	Red	Indi	14	14	14	1				14
8	Bob Packham	Blue	Live	13	13	13	1			13	
9	John Fack	Red	Indi	13	13	13	1				13
10	Nick Speed	Blue	Indi	12	12	6	2	12			
11	Barry Hogg	Blue	Indi	11	11	11	1			11	
12	Simon Kingsley	Red	Indi	11	11	11	1	11			
13	Steve Courts	Red	Live	11	11	11	1				11
14	Boyd Webster	Red	Indi	10	10	10	1			10	
15	Jerome Fack	Red	Indi	10	10	10	1				10
16	John Cole	Blue	Indi	10	10	5	2			8	2
17	Andrew Woodhead	Red	Indi	9	9	9	1			9	
18	Arthur Carroll	Blue	Live	8	8	8	1				8
19	Julian Fack	Red	Indi	8	8	8	1				8
20	Sam Beare	Rookie	Live	8	8	4	2	8			
All Live Axle Classes											
1	Ross Bruce	Blue	Live	16	16	8	2	10			6
2	Bob Packham	Blue	Live	13	13	13	1			13	
3	Steve Courts	Red	Live	11	11	11	1				11
4	Arthur Carroll	Blue	Live	8	8	8	1				8
5	Sam Beare	Rookie	Live	8	8	4	2	8			
6	Brian Thornton	Red	Live	7	7	7	1			7	
7	Phil Blagden	Rookie	Live	7	7	3.5	2	7			
8	Alan Baker	Blue	Live	4	4	4	1				4
9	Dave Hailes	Blue	Live	3	3	3	1				3



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### "2018 Season Preview"

The 2018 Autosport International BTRDA Clubmans Rallycross Championship in partnership with Toyo Tires will be run over 9 rounds this year. The renewal of title sponsorship with Autosport International, in addition to major backing from other high profile sponsors, not only allows all events to be televised but also will mean the championship will have a presence at the Autosport International at the NEC in January 2019.

The Championship reached new heights in 2017 and 2018 will see even more additions with the increase to 9 rounds, the return for the first time since 2012 to the 'Home of Rallycross' Lydden Hill in September and a whole host of new drivers and cars.

With the reigning BTRDA Rallycross Champion and Gold Star winner Jeff Hope-Davies looking like he won't compete in a full championship in 2018 and the introduction for Production 4x4 and Junior drivers to win the overall championship then the overall trophy will definitely be going to a new home come October 27<sup>th</sup> at Croft.

#### Clubman 4x4

The headlining Clubman 4x4 category with their 450+ bhp, 4x4 cars, will have a 5 round championship at Pembrey and Croft in 2018. The 2017 Champion Roger Thomas will return to try and re-claim the category title, driving the ex Mark Flaherty Ford Focus. Four drivers following the Subaru theme are Gary Pusey, Nigel Burke, Simon Horton and Liam Manning who is moving up from the Production 4x4 category for 2018, all three are sure to be at the sharp end of competition. With other likely drivers set to include; Andy Grant (Focus), Mad Mark (Xzara), Imran Mogul (Mitsubishi), Mike Manning (Focus) and a host of Irish drivers set

to join the series at Pembrey in May and July, the action is sure to be fast and furious.

#### Production 4x4

Introduced for the first time in 2016, this class is still attracting a lot of attention with grids expected to be between 6 and 10 cars this year. The category also see's major backing from 'Albatec Racing' Andy Scott's BRX, ERX, and WRX Rallycross team who want to give something back to grassroots motorsport. Reigning Production champion Paul Davis (Subaru) will start as favourite especially as he has been working hard with the R1 Motorsport team over the winter to increase power from the engine and handling of the car. Other driver who are expected to challenge for the title include Dan Beattie (Subaru), 16 year old Ross Connolly (Nissan Pulsar), Darren Clark (Nissan Pulsar), former Autocrosser (James Lyon) and the husband and wife team of Tracey Bennett and Stephen Spear (Subaru WRX). Rumours have it that other drivers will be joining the category throughout the 2018 season.

#### SuperModified

The Unique and diverse SuperModified category will certainly provide some of the best action in the Championship with some real headlining drivers & cars looking to take home the title. Returning to Rallycross in 2017 Mike Dresser (Lotus Exige) will be hoping winter developments and testing have cured all the issues surrounding reliability which hit the car last year. Also guaranteed to be at the sharp end of the results include; Tony Lynch (Ford KA) who is returning to the Championship in 2018 and Guy Corner (Peugeot 206) both of whom have the cars to win on the day. Other drivers who will be looking to challenge will include Paul Johnson (BMW M3) and Irishman Patrick Ryan (Nova) who has committed to a full



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championship and will be joined by fellow countryman and 2014/15 BTRDA Champion Kieran Curran (Corsa) who will join the series at Pembrey. Toyota driver Marc Jones along with Fred Ling (Fiesta ST) and Nick Angrave (Honda) will also be pushing for top honours. There will also be some drivers returning to the championship in 2018 and these include; Gary Cook (Fiesta ST), Bob Hardie (Tigra), Bruce Bamber (Honda), Todd Crooks (BMW Mini), Rob Scott (Porsche) and Brian Jukes (Audi TT). Some new cars set to join the grid during the year include; Adam Mills in his new Mazda RX8, Danny Prime in a Toyota Starlet, Simon Cofield Ford Focus and Jaco Wassermann Ford Fiesta MK6.

### Production

Going into the 2018 season, the Production category looks like it could be the most open it has been for years with Jeff Hope-Davies not doing a full season, Martin Peters selling his car and Graham Rumsey going circuit racing this opens up the category. An end of season win and some good form for Eddie Gibbs (Clio) could put him as favourite for the title if mechanic woes have now been sorted. Joe Meskauskas (C2) looks to be increasing pace and the likes of Lee Green (Saxo), top lady competitor Sue Lane (Honda), Luke Mason (106) will all be looking for top honours. There is also a whole host of new drivers, hire drivers and new cars joining the grid in 2018 including BTRDA Allrounders champion Jamie Yapp who will be hoping for some strong results. Former circuit racer Mac McCarthy will be looking to put his experience to good use on the Rallycross circuits. A new car for Andrew Smith (Clio), new driver Nathan Jones (Civic) along with some top Polish drivers Dan Lukas, and Tomasz Chojnacki will all be pushing for strong results. A dark horse and certainly someone who is coming with the pure intention to claim the overall BTRDA Championship title, Irishman Keith Kerrshaawe will drive the ex John Ward Peugeot 106 GTi in all rounds this year.

### Classic

The new name for 'Historic' in 2018, the Classic category is sure to provide some great racing

from some of the older machinery and often most flamboyant drivers. With the uncertainty of when or if the 2017 Champion Brian Harman will join the grid, it is expected that Shaun Buckley (Escort), Mike Grant (Fiesta) and Ryan Stutchbury (205), David Ewin (Fiesta EVO), will be the ones setting the pace in the category. Other drivers who will be looking to get in on the mix include; Nick Potter (106), Richard Todd (BMW E30), Vince Bristow (BMW), Carl Skitt (Calibra) and Rallycross newbie Leigh Marsh in his Rwd Ford Escort Cosworth. There are some new drivers and cars set to join in during the year these include Aaron Pullen (MR2), Ryan Taylor (BMW E30) and former 2000cc Production champion Mark Finch who will drive a very unique BDA powered Ford Fiesta Mk3.

### Juniors

The 2017 season saw the Junior category grow to their biggest ever BTRDA grids and with it some really great racing from the 14 to 16 year olds. A great mix of diverse machinery adds to exciting racing and in 2018, the category is set to grow even further with an expected 10-12 cars expected to contest all rounds. The reigning 2017 Champion Tom Constantine is back for a full season and is aiming to challenge for overall BTRDA Championship honours not just Junior trophies. With uncertainty around whether Jaidon Bennett will race this year, it could be family members James Constantine and making his debut in 2018 Luke Constantine to challenge Tom for the title. Two girls will join the Championship with former Autcross driver Amy Baines (Corsa) and the daughter of SuperModified driver Guy Corner, Eleanor Corner (Swift) will both be looking to beat the boys at events. If you also add into the mix the likes of regular podium driver Morgan Wroot (Swift), Cameron Hawks (Saxo), Rallycross newbie, Matilda Procter (Swift), son of Supercar driver Roger Thomas, Archie Thomas (Swift), and 2 former Autograssers Jamie Lewthwaite (205) and Rogerio Mendes (106) it really looks like it will be a fantastic season. Another driver who is looking to join the Championship later in the series is Jayson Riddle (Clio).



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### Snippets re the Autosport Show

The 2018 Autosport International show, 11-14 Jan, was the first outing this season for the BTRDA Rallycross Championship. We had 4 cars in attendance, each representing different categories within the championship and



The Autosport Show Stand

therefore demonstrating to the public the variety of cars able to compete. This year proved to be our most successful year at the show to date with an increasing number of new drivers confirming their plans to compete this year, including drivers for the new Production up to 1400cc class. Following the show we have seen entries for round 1 and championship registrations reach new heights. The results of the show could not have been achieved without the support of the following drivers and their teams; Ryan Stutchbury with his 205 GTI by R1 Motorsport, Paul Davis with his Subaru Impreza also by R1 Motorsport, Fred Ling with his Ford Fiesta and Ross and Mark Connolly with their Extreme 22 Peugeot 106.

A big thank you to all those involved, and we look forward to what will be our most promising year yet with the continued support of Autosport International.

### **From Fred and Dave Ling - Autosport Show - thanks very much!**

Well our trip to this year's show started with a call from Kath asking if we could take Fred's car for display on the clubs stand. I felt privileged to be asked as this is a true clubman's car that

has been assembled by Fred and I in the garage at home.

Arriving early on the Friday was not a good idea as we were not allowed into the hall until late evening and this was very chaotic with many cars all entering the hall in what I was assured was a well organised "free for all". Luckily once I drove in I saw the friendly faces of Kath and Bill so at least I was in the correct location. After a short while the stand was set up and looking very professional with a good range of well presented cars. Saturday and Sunday were busy with thousands of motorsport enthusiasts attending a great event. It was great to see the youngest ever 2016 British RX Champion Dan Rooke come over to the stand, spending probably ¾ hour chatting with us all.



**2016 British Rallycross Champion Dan Rooke visits the Clubmans Rallycross stand**

**Fred & Dave Ling, Dan Rooke, Bill Skermer, Gary Cook**

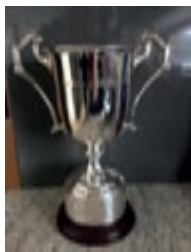




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### Lady of Rallycross Trophy

Congratulations to Sue Lane for being the first ever winner of our newly donated and very attractive Lady of Rallycross Trophy.



Sue very deservedly received this award following an end of season committee decision. Which lucky lady will be the will pick this up in 2018 then? Also, a special thank you must go to the donator.

As well as our Class awards, Category Champion awards and of

course our Overall Champion's Dave Fuell Trophy there are a few other special awards decided by committee:

The driver who is deemed to have raced the Best Presented Car all season receives an award.

The driver who is deemed to be the Best Newcomer (to our Championship) receives the John Mackley Trophy.

An under 21-year-old driver who is deemed to be a rising talent receives the Star of the Future Trophy.

Plenty to think about then!

### Blyton Park BTRDA Rallycross Round 1 March 25<sup>th</sup>

Some would say that the BTRDA Rallycross Championship falling on the weekend of the 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> of March was very lucky, with freezing temperatures and snow the week prior and with snow and cold temperatures forecast for the following weekend, we thank ourselves lucky for a bright, sunny and warm day that presented itself for Round 1.

Some 57 drivers entered for the first round of the 2018 Championship, many of whom were not only new to Blyton but also to the sport of Rallycross proving that the championship is certainly 'grassroots' and also providing the main entry level to Rallycross in the UK.

#### Production 4x4:

The **Albatec Racing** Production 4x4 category attracted 4 cars in the first round and it was Dan Beattie who took all 3 heat wins with fastest times. Paul Davis had a scary moment in heat one when brake failure caused him to stop after lap one. When final time came and it was pole man Dan Beattie (Subaru) who drove a lights to flag victory, winning by just over 3 seconds from the fast charging Paul Davis (Subaru)

and a further 3 seconds behind Ross Connolly driving his very unique Nissan Pulsar GTi-R. The final car over the line was Tracey Bennett making her Rallycross debut increasing in speed as the day went on and is now planning a full assault on the BTRDA Championship.

#### SuperModified

The fast and furious **AS Performance** SuperModified category certainly didn't disappoint with the racing being as close as ever. A great entry of 12 cars lined up for round 1 with 2 drivers sharing the spoils during the 3



Tony Lynch (Ford KA), Nigel Angrave (Honda Integra R)  
Photo: Trevor Coulson



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heats with Tony Lynch (Ford KA) taking 2 fastest times and Welshman Marc Jones (Toyota MR2) taking the other heat win. A few drivers had dramas throughout the day with Porsche driver Rob Scott failing to set a time with clutch problems, Mike Boak fuel leak, Phil Chicken broken steering, Fred Ling damaged suspension and Irishman Patrick Ryan having both a throttle jamming open and a broken driveshaft causing him major problems during the heats. Dave Brown (Puma) saved his own drama up for the prize giving, having been very pleased with his new car all day, he missed his Class award announcement and very nearly went home empty handed.

Once the heats were over it was finals time, first up was the B final at it was Irishman Patrick Ryan who drove a lights to flag victory, behind him John Cross and Mike Dresser had a great 5 lap battle with each of them having individual issues with their cars. Still, Mike came out on top and joined Patrick on the back row of the A Final. Starting on pole for the A Final Tony Lynch drove away from the pack and took a great win from the recovering Patrick Ryan and in 3<sup>rd</sup> place Marc Jones in his Toyota who was chased all the way to the flag by Phil Chicken (C2).

### Production

The biggest entry at Blyton was the **Mel Williams Tyres** sponsored Production category where 25 cars lined up on the grid.

**Eddie Gibbs – Renault Clio 172**

**Sue Lane – Honda Civic**

**Andrew Smith - Renault Clio 1972**

Photo: Trevor Coulson



Some new names appeared at the event and didn't disappoint and the entry was boosted by BTRDA Allrounders Champion Jamie Yapp returning to Rallycross for the first time since 2015 and former BRX, ERX and BTRDA competitor and journalist Hal Ridge having a one off drive in a hire car. The racing during the heats really was fierce with 3 different drivers taking a heat win; Eddie Gibbs (Clio), Irishman Keith Kerrshaawe (106 GTi) and top lady driver Sue Lane (Honda) having her best rallycross event to date which saw her start from the front row of the A Final along-side Eddie. That was a "significant birthday" present to herself which fell just 2 days later. Two drivers who didn't fare so well at Blyton included BTRDA debutant Mark Henry who has a crank sensor fail on his car and Lee Keller who rolled his Saxo in the D Final. With a huge entry the finals went all the way down to a D Final which saw Jonny Christ (KA) and Elliot Lewthwaite (205) move forward onto the back of the C Final. The C Final saw a great race between 3 drivers; Peter Hamlett (306), Tomasz Kozon (Saxo) and Thomas Edmundes (MG) which saw them covered by less than 1 second at the flag, but it was Peter and Tomasz who went forward to the B Final. In the B Final it was front row starter Andrew Smith (Clio) who drove a lights to flag victory, behind him Jamie Yapp (106) and Dan Lukas (106) who had an extremely close battle, bumper to bumper and at the flag it was Jamie who claimed 2<sup>nd</sup> place and joined Andrew in the

A Final winning by only 1 hundredth of a second. The A final saw a great race and it was pole man Eddie Gibbs who drove away and claimed only his second ever category victory. Behind him things were significantly closer with Tomasz Chojnacki (Saxo), Sue Lane and Irish man Keith Kerrshaawe covered by less than 2 seconds at the flag. Dale Ford (Saxo) came home 4<sup>th</sup>, closely followed by Hal Ridge (C2) and Jamie Yapp.



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### Classic

In the **Steve Gaunt Trailers** Classic category numbers were a little thin on the ground at round 1 and it was regular Shaun Buckley in his MK2 Escort who won all 3 heats, started from pole and then also won the A Final. Behind Shaun the racing was very close with Rallycross newbie Ryan Taylor (BMW), former production driver Richard Todd (BMW) and Leigh Marsh (Escort) all exchanging places and paintwork throughout the event. Former 2000cc Production champion Mark Finch had no luck at the event with a head gasket failure in heat 1 which saw his Fiesta go no further. The two classic Mini drivers Craig Truelove and the flamboyant Ian Clark put in some great racing and certainly mixed it with the bigger, more powerful machinery. In the A Final a fantastic battle for second place saw Ryan Taylor take the position at the flag but only just ahead of Richard Todd, Ryan Stutchbury (205) and Leigh Marsh, with these 4 drivers covered by 2 seconds at the flag. Ian Clark was the best of the Classic Mini's coming home in 6<sup>th</sup> place ahead of Craig Truelove.

### Juniors

In the **HT Installations** Junior Category 8 drivers lined up at the event, 5 of whom were complete newbies to the championship which is a great success story. During the heats it was the Constantine family trio who dominated the times with Luke, Tom and James each taking a heat win. They didn't always have it their own way and were often challenged for top 3 position finishes by Morgan Wroot. Amongst some of the newbies were 2 brand new girl racers, Eleanor Corner (Swift) and Amy Baines (Corsa) who had some brilliant battles throughout the day. Both having competed in Autograss Jamie Lewthwaite (205) and Rogerio Mendes (106) enjoyed their first Rallycross event and found more and more pace throughout the day. Once the heats were over it was BTRDA and Blyton debutant and only in

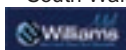
Shaun Buckley – Ford Escort MK2 RWD  
Richard Todd – BMW E30  
Leigh Marsh – Ford Escort Cosworth RWD  
Photo: Trevor Coulson



his 2<sup>nd</sup> every rallycross event Luke Constantine (Swift) who put his car on pole position and lead the pack away as the light turned to green. The next 5 laps would see an amazing battle between 4 cars which would see them all cross the line within 2 seconds of each other. As the flag dropped it was Luke who took his first every Rallycross win and with it the BTRDA Best Newcomer of the day award. He was closely followed home by Morgan Wroot (Swift), James Constantine (Swift) and the 2017 BTRDA Junior champion Tom Constantine (Swift). Behind this gaggle of 4 cars it was Eleanor Corner who really did come to form in the A final, coming home in 4<sup>th</sup> place, closely followed by fellow girl racer Amy Baines and rallycross newbies Jamie Lewthwaite and Rogerio Mendes who stalled on the line and spent the next 5 laps chasing the pack down. Meanwhile while these 8 lucky drivers were having great fun for the day in very good weather, Jaidon Bennett's absence was down to an appointment with an important exam, hope to see you later in the year Jaidon.

All in all this was a great start to the 2018 Autosport International BTRDA Clubmans Rallycross Championship in partnership with Toyo Tires, some great racing, debut drives and some new names at the top of the order.

2018 could see the most openly fought championship ever, attentions now turn to rounds 2 and 3 of the Championship which take place on May 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> at Pembrey Circuit in South Wales.



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**Pat Ryan – Vauxhall Nova**

Photo: Trevor Coulson

### BTRDA Rallycross “Odds and Sods”

- We are pleased to be able to say that significant sponsorship has been sought and found over the winter months which will see 8 out of the 9 rounds televised with only the round 3 event on May 12<sup>th</sup> at Pembrey not covered due to the un-availability of a production crew. Television production company 247.TV will continue to film in 2018.
- The 2018 Championship will be televised on at least 3 channels with; Motorsport.TV, Premier Sports and Front Runner all confirmed for this year. By the time the first airing is broadcast is it also expected that Freeview channel 'Freesports' will also show the coverage in addition to the dedicated BTRDA Rallycross 'Youtube' channel.
- Autosport International has returned as the title sponsor for 2018 making it 5 years in a row, in addition to the continued deals with Toyo Tires and renewal of sponsorship from Mel Williams Tyres and Steve Gaunt Trailer Hire. Some new names will appear for 2018 with 'Power Maxed' and 'Steel Seal', 'Racebredauctions' and 'AS Performance' becoming Associate sponsors and 'HT Installations' and 'Albatec Racing' becoming new Category sponsors.
- The BTRDA Rallycross Championship will be once again present at the Autosport International Show on 12/13<sup>th</sup> January 2019.
- The new for 2018 Production 1400 category made its debut at Blyton, with one sole entry for Elliot Lewthwaite, sharing the same car his bother used in the Junior category. More drivers and cars are set to join in as the season progresses.
- Great news for the Production 4x4 and Junior category drivers in 2018 as they will now score points towards the overall BTRDA Championship.
- With the continued support from Toyo Tires in 2018 the Tire incentive for drivers will continue for all drivers who win their respective A Finals whilst also using 4 Toyo Tires on their car. They will receive a £150 incentive payment.
- A whole host of new drivers are expected to appear in the 2018 Championship in which it is hoped that the number of registered drivers tops the 100 mark for the very first time.
- Any new drivers who are looking to get into Rallycross will have no better chance in 2018 with a whole host of 'hire' cars available from: Extreme 22 Racing Division, R1 Motorsport, Joe Meskauskas Racing and Rebel Rentals all with a mixture of cars in the Production and Junior categories. Any interested drivers should in the first instance e mail: [brdarallycross@gmail.com](mailto:brdarallycross@gmail.com)







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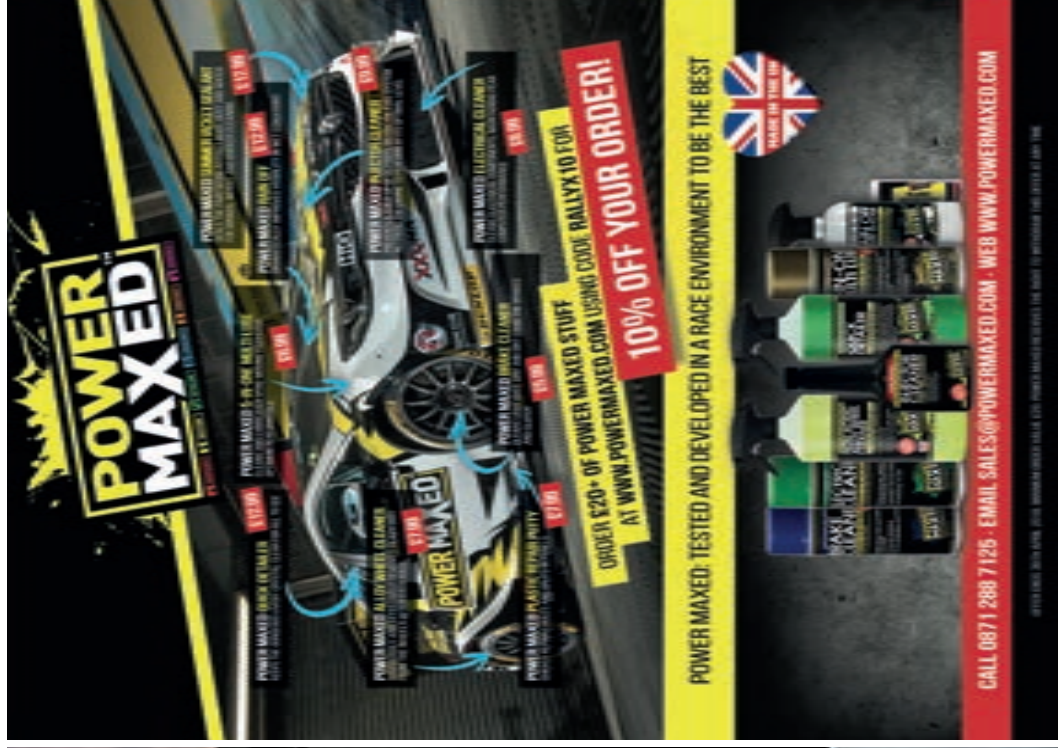
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### Results after Round 1 – Blyton Park Circuit

BTRDA Championship Overall		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Tony Lynch	40
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Eddie Gibbs	40
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Shaun Buckley	40
4 <sup>th</sup>	Luke Constantine	40
5 <sup>th</sup>	Dan Beattie	40



**BTRDA Supermodified Category**



**BTRDA Production Category**

Overall		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Tony Lynch	40
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Patrick Ryan	37
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Marc Jones	35
4 <sup>th</sup>	Paul Johnson	33
5 <sup>th</sup>	Mike Dresser	31

BTRDA Production Championship Overall		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Eddie Gibbs	40
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sue Lane	37
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Keith Kerrshaawe	35
4 <sup>th</sup>	Dale Ford	33
5 <sup>th</sup>	Andrew Smith	31

**Up to 1600cc – No Competitors at Round 1**

1601 to 2100cc		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Pat Ryan	33
2 <sup>nd</sup>	David Brown	30
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fred Ling	28

Over 2101cc		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Tony Lynch	40
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Marc Jones	37
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Paul Johnson	35

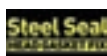
**SuperModified BMW Mini –  
No Competitors at Round 1**

Production 1600 8V		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Trevor Beavan	33
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jonny Chrisp	30
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tony Chrisp	28

Production 1600 16V		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Keith Kerrshaawe	40
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dale Ford	37
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dan Lucaszewski	35

Production 1601 to 2000		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Eddie Gibbs	40
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sue Lane	37
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Andrew Smith	35

Production 1400		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Elliott Lewthwaite	33



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## BTRDA Classic Category

Overall		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Shaun Buckley	40
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ryan Taylor	37
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Richard Todd	35
4 <sup>th</sup>	Ryan Stutchbury	33
5 <sup>th</sup>	Leigh Marsh	31

Classic Supermodified		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Shaun Buckley	33
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ryan Stutchbury	30

Classic Modified		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ryan Taylor	33
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Richard Todd	30
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Leigh Marsh	28

Classic Mini		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ian Clark	33
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Craig Truelove	30



## Production 4 x 4 Category

1 <sup>st</sup>	Dan Beattie	33
2	Paul Davis	30
3	Ross Connolly	28



## Clubman 4 x 4 Category

1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> stop Pembrey R2&3!	
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## Junior Rallycross

1 <sup>st</sup>	Luke Constantine	40
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Morgan Wroot	37
3 <sup>rd</sup>	James Constantine	35



**Luke Constantine –  
Best Newcomer at  
Round 1 followed by  
Morgan Root**

**Both driving Suzuki  
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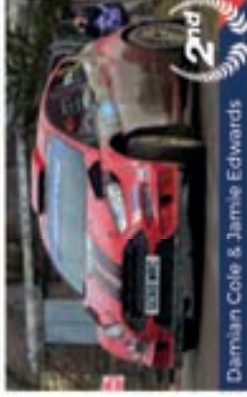
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## Protyre MSA Asphalt Rally Championship

### Evans leads Protyre MSA Asphalt Rally Championship after thrilling victory on the opening Tour of Epynt

Melvyn Evans won the opening round of the 2018 Protyre MSA Asphalt Rally Championship, the Port Talbot MC-organised Melvyn Evans Motorsport Tour of Epynt (11 March), in his Subaru Impreza WRC S12b.

It has been two years since the 53-year old Lampeter driver had driven the car, and six years since he last rallied it on Epynt, yet he and co-driver Mark Glennerster were quickly into their stride. The key to their success was a big push over the infamous Burma Road – a very tricky and technical section where bravery and precision can reap its rewards. And so it proved, as Evans inched ahead of the opposition to win the 74 stage mile event by 39 seconds.

Damian Cole had set equal fastest time with Evans on the opening two stages in his Get Connected Ford Fiesta WRC, despite ripping the handbrake out of the floor! Co-driven by Jamie Edwards, the six-time MSA Asphalt Rally Champion never put a foot wrong in the damp and greasy conditions and got his Championship assault off to a great start with a very strong run to second.

Jason Pritchard spun his North Road Garage Ford Fiesta S2000 at the first junction on the opening stage, losing a few precious seconds at the Llandeilo'r Fân Triangle, before continuing through the very damp first loop of stages with understeer. Despite very little seat time in the

car, and the S2000 being considerably less powerful than the World Rally Cars around him, Pritchard and co-driver Phil Clarke set a remarkable pace – even setting fastest time on the seventh and final stage when the rain returned – to finish an excellent third overall.

Last year's Tour of Epynt winner and number one seed Bob Fowden was going well in his Comline Auto Parts/NGK-backed Subaru Impreza WRC S11. Co-driven by Aled Davies, he was third (only 16 seconds behind Evans and five seconds behind Cole) when he slipped off the road on a particularly greasy corner near the end of SS5. Beached, he was unable to get back onto the road.

A late change of car saw Steve Simpson/Patrick Walsh contest the event in a CA1 Sport Fiesta RS, and an excellent run saw them finish fourth. Adrian Spencer/Matt Daniels lost time with early gearshift issues, a spin on SS1, an off onto the grass on SS3 and a big moment on the approach to Four Ways Bridge on SS4. They recovered and closed the gap to Simpson to just 13 seconds by the end of the final stage, with the Subaru Impreza crew coming home fifth to bag a good set of Championship points.

Wayne Sisson/Max Freeman won their class and finished an impressive seventh overall in their immaculate Mitsubishi Evo. Less fortunate were Evo drivers Philip Turner/Simon Anthony

who retired their Mitsubishi with clutch failure on SS5 and Rob Tout/Peredur Davies who stopped on the penultimate stage – both whilst holding top seven positions and battling for the class lead. Chris Marshall/Simon Hunter crashed their Evo on SS5, Paul James/Derek Davies were forced to stop their Evo when the driver became unwell and Richard Clews/Hamish Campbell retired their ITG Air Filters Subaru Impreza in service after SS4, with a down on power engine problem.



Melvyn Evans/Mark Glennerster  
Photo: RallyGallery.com



## Protyre MSA Asphalt Rally Championship

Huw Reed/Anthony Hackett hit their pre-event target of finishing as top two-wheel drive Championship contenders, which was no mean feat in the damp and greasy conditions in their 2.5-litre Millington Series 2-engined Darrian T90 GTR. Tony Rees/Geraint Thomas finished 15th in their similar car, it what was only their second ever rally in it. The throttle jammed open on two stages, but they survived the slippery conditions to get their season off to a fine Championship points-scoring start.

Phil Turner/Ian Meakin were top Championship Escort Mk2 contenders home with a magnificent 11th place finish – ahead of Richard Slinger/Phil Sandham, who were doing only their third rally in their Mk2. It was the first time on Epynt for the highly experienced Steve Retchless and, together with Sasha Heriot, he recorded a good finish – as did Paul and Julian Doroszczuk in their immaculately home-built normally-aspirated Cosworth-engined Escort Mk2.

On their first rally for nine months, Mike Williams/Ken Bills finished a magnificent 12th in their MG ZR 160, Tom Barber/Jaime Barber won the battle of the BMWs, coming home 16th in a Compact, while Double N4 class champions Chris Rice/Craig Cameron scored a top 20 finish in their Subaru Impreza. Geoff Wright/Chris Sanderson last contested the Asphalt Rally Championship in a Group N Nissan Almera, so they did well to survive the hazards of Epynt to record a finish upon their return to the series in a Fiesta S2000. John Macniven/Alex Kermode spun their Subaru Impreza on SS5, but their

Epynt debut was rewarded with a good finish. In his 20th year of contesting the Asphalt Rally Championship, Geoff Glover got his season off to a points-scoring start in his rear-wheel drive Astra. Co-driven by Keith Barker, Glover had to take it fairly easy, however, as he hadn't had time to shakedown the brand new engine before the rally started. It was also a successful points-scoring mission for Gareth James/Ryan Jones in their Peugeot 205GTI.

Edd Fossey's journey from Jersey was rewarded with a Championship class win in his new Peugeot 208 R2, the 19-year old reigning BTRDA 1400 Champion quickly getting used to the car with Chris Sharpe-Simkiss on the notes. They finished ahead of Roger Priestnall/Jamie Forrest (Proton Satria S16) and Darren Pool/Christopher Beer (Vauxhall Corsa). Mark Booth/Pauline Merrills reached the finish in their Honda Civic, despite spinning off the road on SS2 and getting stuck for three minutes and then losing two minutes with a misfire on SS3/4.

Bill Paynter/Andy Hollingham took Championship honours in the 1400 class in their Peugeot 106 Rallye. Oliver Bell/Sam Johnson retired their Nissan Micra on the opening stage, Lloyd Morgan/Marc Clatworthy were forced to retire their Nissan Micra when a HT lead snapped before SS4 and Rhidian Daniels/Tomos Whittle also failed to finish in their Citroen C1 Max. Will Mains/Sion Jones were leading their class by almost four minutes when their rapid Vauxhall Nova stopped with alternator failure after SS6.



**Damian Cole/Jamie Edwards**  
Photo: RallyGallery.com

Nigel Feeney/Sean Donnelly were worried about a vibration in their Mini John Cooper Works Mini WRC before the start – and their fears were correct when clutch failure put them out after SS2. The Spencer Sport Mitsubishi Mirage R5 of Jamie Jukes/James Morgan was inside the top 10 before they were forced out after a big moment on SS2, while the sister car of Philip Hopkins/Aled Edwards was battling for sixth when they went off the road and retired on the final stage.



## Protyre MSA Asphalt Rally Championship

Melvyn Evans (1st overall): "It's been six years since I last drove this Subaru Impreza WRC on Epynt – we were car number three on the Tour of Epynt in 2012 and won, and this year we were car number three and we won again, so we'll have to be car number three more often! We started off sensibly to see what our pace was like – the pace was there, so we had a push on the Burma Road on the middle loop and found that was the place we could take a bit of time out of Damian. There are lots of fast places on Epynt where it's very difficult to make any time, so we were really fast and precise in the tricky sections and that's what made the difference and paid dividends. All the drivers have gone well today. It's been slippery and greasy, tyre choice has been very difficult, but it's been a fantastic battle all the way to the finish."

Damian Cole (2nd overall): "It's always nice to win, but I've only won the Tour of Epynt once before and lost count of the times I've been second here and it's bridesmaid again today! I said before the start that Melvyn was the one to watch and he's proved the case and has been very fast all day. We matched him on the first two stages, but then he put his foot down a little bit and pulled away from us. We went quite well. We may have had the wrong tyres on for one loop, but apart from that everything went well and the car was good. We're looking forward to the Isle of Man now. I've been third there three times and second once – so we'll be trying on the Manx to score the one podium result that's so far eluded us."

Jason Pritchard (3rd overall): "I haven't driven the Fiesta S2000 very much at all, and every mile in the car we do we're improving. The car hasn't got the grunt of a World Rally Car, and on the long uphill sections of the New Road, and accelerating out of tight junctions, we were obviously losing a bit of time. But we were fastest in the rain on the final stage so, had it been wet throughout the day, maybe we could have been a bit closer to challenging for the win. We'll use the Focus WRC on the Isle of Man – we've won the event three times in a row and last year we set fastest time on every stage bar one in the car, so we're already looking forward to round two."

The Tour of Epynt was broadcast live on the Special Stage Facebook page, with well in excess of 100,000 views for the web streaming service. The footage, with commentary from Howard Davies, will remain on-line for viewing. Details regarding the transmission times for the television programmes will be issued on the Asphalt Rally Championship website and Facebook page.

It was a successful event for Protyre Motorsport, which took over 1,100 Pirelli, Michelin, Hoosier and Hankook motorsport tyres to the event – with almost every registered Championship competitor taking advantage of the tyre selection and fitting service in the changeable weather conditions.

Round 2 of the Protyre MSA Asphalt Rally Championship is the Bet on Aces Manx National Rally (May 11-12).

### 2018 Melvyn Evans Motorsport Tour of Epynt – Top 10 overall finishers

1.	Melvyn Evans/Mark Glennerster (Subaru Impreza WRC)....	1h04m58s
2.	Damian Cole/Jamie Edwards (Ford Fiesta WRC)....	+39s
3.	Jason Pritchard/Phil Clarke (Ford Fiesta S2000)....	+1m46s
4.	Steve Simpson/Patrick Walsh (Ford Fiesta RS)....	+3m23s
5.	Adrian Spencer/Matt Daniels (Subaru Impreza WRC)....	+3m36s
6.	Paul Kirtley/David Jones (Subaru Impreza)....	+4m36s
7.	Wayne Sisson/Max Freeman (Mitsubishi Evo)....	+5m08s
8.	Gareth James/Steffan Evans (Ford Escort Mk2)....	+5m09s
9.	Huw Reed/Anthony Hackett (Darrian T90 GTR)....	+5m25s
10.	Richard Merriman/Kath Curzon (Darrian T90)...	+5m26s

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## **From The Hot Seat**

Well here we go again with the Championship under way after the first round at the Jon MacKenzie, more details of which can be found in Pete Cox's article. As an organiser we were extremely lucky with the weather as the weekend before the event Curborough was under snow and the week after (as I write this) it is again, whilst "on the day" it was Spring like and pleasant. You can make up your own minds as to whether it was "the sun shines on the righteous" or "the devil looks after his own", but either way I'm sure that the competitors and marshals were grateful. The entry was slightly down on last year, but this reflected that a number of cars are still undergoing re-builds and in fact a number only made it due a lot of hard work the night before. Why do we all do that when we have 5 months to get ready, I am sure that it must be a man thing – like waiting for the fuel gauge to read 0 before we look for a garage?

On the same note we are still a bit light on Championship entrants for this year despite seeing some welcome "newcomers", but, looking at the absentees, they are faces that will undoubtedly appear during the season when time permits. Attracting new entrants is

something that the Autotest Committee agonises about at every meeting, but as yet we really haven't come up with the answer. The base of our sport at local Club level has died as very few run tarmac Autotests, mainly due to venue issues and the fact that modern road cars are totally unsuited to this type of event. We have, therefore now become a very specialist form of motorsport (as most are), where you have to have the knowledge and ability to build an Autotest car as, unlike most other forms of motorsport, they can rarely be bought. So what for the future, well fortunately we are seeing "younger" faces emerge and we encourage all of our competitors to give assistance and advice to any who show an interest.

On a more positive note 2018 looks to be another very competitive year with Malcolm Livingston (Lindsay Special), Alastair Moffatt (Mini Special), Dave Mosey (Mini/Mini Special?) and Richard Pinkney (Caterham 7) all in contention for the Gold Star®. Although one or two of our Organisers have venue issues we hope that these will be resolved as the season evolves and no rounds will be lost and that we are in for an exciting year.

**Steve Layton**

## **From the Pits**

It's always nice in this first edition of the News to welcome newcomers to the BTRDA Championship and this year there are no less than 3. Father and son Stephen and Jack have competed in events in Cumbria and are now seeing what the competition is like on a national scale. The Hagley & DLCC (winners of the Denis Flather Shield for best event in 2017) Jon MacKenzie Autotests at Curborough was their first event in a very nicely prepared red Nova which I had the pleasure of scrutineering. I also then had the pleasure of watching Jack throw the Nova around the difficult tests to finish 4<sup>th</sup> in Class B, out of 8, and take the Novice award. As a parent, it's sad to report that dad Stephen came a poor second to son Jack on the day! There was another father/son combination for

the third newcomer where Elis Matthews drove a road going Nova in Class E. This time it was dad Lee Matthews who has the far greater experience of top class autotesting and he finished ahead of Elis at Curborough. Lee had in fact entered the event in an autotest style Class B Nova but with no gearbox drove the road going car in that class. Lee wondered why the car wasn't going too well on the first test and then at the end of the test found out the handbrake had been on! Cue the penny over the button and tape to hold it in place! Lee went on to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> in Class B in the road going Nova which just goes to show that the class of the driver always shows through. At the other end of the age bracket from Jack and Elis, John Waller has registered for the first time whilst

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Harry Morgan has re-joined after a break. A warm welcome to all the 2018 new registrations. It was almost warm at Curborough for the Hagley event where over the years the weather has ranged from snow and ice to hot sun. I reckon this year it was right in the middle! Whilst the cars may have been freshly painted and prepared it took the first round of tests for the drivers to get into full autotesting mode as Malcolm Livingston (Lindsay Special), Alastair Moffatt (Mini Special) and Richard Pinkney (Caterham 7) all picked up 5 second penalties. One driver who didn't get beyond the second test was Chris Chapman in the new bright green Striker which decided that reverse gear shouldn't be in the gearbox but outside it. The Nova of Warren & Kelsey Gillespie lasted longer but suffered some problems under the bonnet in the afternoon and ended up back on the trailer and back up to Scotland. Malcolm, Alastair and Richard all stayed clear of penalties over the reaming 12 tests and it was a very pleased Malcolm who took the Harry Yapp Trophy for FTD by 11.4 secs in a total of 889.1 secs. Richard was only a further 3.3 secs behind Alastair whilst 4<sup>th</sup> overall was the first saloon driver Dave Mosey (Mini) who is determined not to lose out on tie breaks in 2018. Fastest test times of the day were shared between Malcolm

on 8, Alastair on 6 and Richard on 2. Is this going to be the scene for the 2018 season or is double champion Richard going to find a few more tweaks from his massively rebuilt Caterham 7 (It was found out over the winter full strip that there were more holes and weld in some areas than metal. No doubt the shell is not so flexible now!) Best of the large class of Novas was Mark Thornton with a well deserved second place award going to Murray Walker. I wonder if this is Mark's first BTRDA class win as he now heads both the Silver and Bronze Star tables? In the sports car class it was John Moffatt (Westfield) who picked up the second in class award with the energetically driven Striker of Stephen Morten not too far behind.

I've mentioned above about Richard Pin33kney's Caterham 7 rebuild which was well documented on Facebook and caused quite a bit of merriment seeing the pile of scrap metal after everything had been put back into shape for the chassis. The excess metal would have provided Steptoe with a good income! It got me thinking about the difficulty we would have if we ever went down the Sporting Trial route and had a series of event for "classic" autotest cars. How much of the original should remain for it to fall within the class? Perhaps the oldest autotest car I know of and saw compete back in the late

1960's was the Doug Worgan DHW special with registration number KO 20. The car then went through several owners and ended up with Nevil Smith in East Anglia. Nevil made quite a few changes back in the 1980's by adding 6 inches to the body length so he could get into it. He also added an lsd removing the original fiddle brakes which was a feature of how Doug used to drive it – straight line flat out to cone, fiddle on and round, flat out to next manoeuvre. This was a car that Trevor Smith would have liked to get his hands on. One car currently being rebuilt is the 9 time



Malcolm Livingstone looking very relaxed on his way to FTD at Curborough

Photo: Peter Cox

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winning BTRDA title car home built by David Haigh with a Datsun engine and gearbox. Owner Paul Fobister has stripped it down completely and changed the chassis to put in a Toyota 4A-GE engine and drive train. Not sure what the final layout will look like as it has yet to surface from the Fobby garage. Then there was the first John Last Special (layout similar to the ABS as used by Duncan Wild now) where Peter Jackson completely rebuilt it with different suspension.

Perhaps I could go on with almost every car used in the past. So, are there any totally original cars left from the last 50 years of Autotesting? One I do know of is the Frogeye sprite of Denis Beare with its number plate WOV4 which his son Stuart (now chairman of the BTRDA Sporting Trials committee) still has and did try a bit of a restoration project on it a few years ago. Not sure where that ended up! Then the one car which disappeared from the

competition scene was Morris Bishop's Mobi One which became very well-known last year when somebody put the original Pathe News article on Facebook showing its amazing turning capability staying very close to a pretty lady using the 4 wheel steering. I believe it was the first 4 wheel steering car to be built and also had a unique feature at that time (late 60's) of using LPG fuel. A short bit of the Pathe News feature was also shown on the BBC TV entertainment programme "Have I got News for You" illustrating a U turn being taken by the Government. So, where is the car now? Anybody know?

**Peter Cox**



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## Championship Positions after Round One

Gold Star			
1	Malcolm Livingston	Lindsay Special 1600	20
2	Alastair Moffatt	Mini Special 1430	19
3	Richard Pinkney	Caterham 7 1600	18
4	Dave Mosey	Mini 1430	17
5	John Moffatt	Westfield Seven	16
6	Steve Morten	Striker 1800	15
7	Dave Fox	Mini 1600	14
8	Ian Chapman	Riot 1700	13
9	Gordon Clendinning	Striker 1598	12
10	Warren Gillespie	Retrotester 1590	11
Silver Star			
1	Mark Thornton	Nova 1600	10
2	Murray Walker	Nova 1600	9
3	Lee Matthews	Nova 1397	8
4	Stuart Perren	Retrotester 1590	8
5	Jack Palmer	Nova 1400	7
Bronze Star			
1	Mark Thornton	Nova 1600	10
2	Elis Matthews	Nova 1397	6
3	Helen Perren	Retrotester 1590	5
4	Bill Bourne	Striker 1600	4
CLASS A			
1	Dave Mosey	Mini 1430	10
2	Dave Fox	Mini 1600	9
CLASS B			
1	Mark Thornton	Nova 1600	10
2	Murray Walker	Nova 1600	9
3	Lee Matthews	Nova 1397	8
4	Jack Palmer	Nova 1400	7
5	Stephen Palmer	Nova 1400	6

CLASS C			
1	Richard Pinkney	Caterham 7 1600	10
2	John Moffatt	Westfield Seven	9
3	Steve Morten	Striker 1800	8
4	Ian Chapman	Riot 1700	7
5	Gordon Clendinning	Striker 1598	6
CLASS D			
1	Malcolm Livingston	Lindsay Special 1600	10
2	Alastair Moffatt	Mini Special 1430	9
3	Stuart Perren	Retrotester 1590	8
4	Dave Evans	Blitz 2000	7
5	Duncan Wild	ABS Special 1380	6
CLASS E			
1	Elis Matthews	Nova 1397	10
CLASS H			
1	Jack Palmer	Nova 1400	10
2	Elis Matthews	Nova 1397	9
CLASS J			
1	Malcolm Livingston	Lindsay Special 1600	20
2	Steve Morten	Striker 1800	19
3	Ian Chapman	Riot 1700	18
4	Stuart Perren	Retrotester 1590	17
5	Dave Evans	Blitz 2000	16
CLASS L			
1	Helen Perren	Retrotester 1590	10

**Jack Palmer beat his Dad Stephen  
and took the  
1<sup>st</sup> Novice award at Curborough.**

Photo: Peter Cox



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# ***Demon Tweeks Direct*** **BTRDA® AutoSOLO Championship**

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## **Going Solo**

For the 2018 season and following feedback from the competitors, we decided to make some substantial changes to the Championship with the aim of encouraging more and new entrants, which, I am pleased to say, has paid dividends with 34 registrations to date. The decision to split the events into two groups with the best 7 scores (including the Final) appears to have

been well received as it should reduce the need for travel, although I am sure some of the diehards will still traverse the country in search of fun. For 2018 we welcome back the support of Demon Tweeks, whose backing of the AutoSOLO Challenge will take the form of DT vouchers to be distributed as follows:

### **Based on the positions in Groups A & B prior to the Final**

1 <sup>st</sup> overall in each Group	£20.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> overall in each Group	£15.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> overall in each Group	£10.00

If there is a tie (i.e. 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>) then the awards will be added together and split 50/50.

### **AutoSOLO Championship (after Final)**

1 <sup>st</sup> overall	£30.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> overall	£20.00
3 <sup>rd</sup> overall	£10.00
1 <sup>st</sup> in each Class	£10.00

The voucher awards are cumulative (i.e. you can win 1<sup>st</sup> overall and 1<sup>st</sup> in Class) so can be added together.

To date we have seen one event in each Group – as I write this the Ross & District event has been cancelled due to snow and is hoped to be rescheduled – which have been well supported by an interesting array of vehicles including Luke Dale's Mev Exocet, which is an MX5 based equivalent to an Ariel Atom, and today was due to see the debut of an Ariel Nomad in the same Non-series Production Class. In the more

standard Classes we have the usual selection of Micras, Novas and Clios, plus a Fiat 500, Proton Satria, two Ford Pumas and a Saab 9-3, just to prove that you can AutoSOLO just about anything that is road-going.

It's far too early for any "tips for the top" but provided the weather doesn't intervene it looks like a cracking year to come.



**BTRDA  
AutoSOLO Championship  
Newcomer**

**Jim Bryant**

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## **Provisional Scores at 22<sup>nd</sup> March**

			Group A			Group B			
	U25		no. events	Best 7 Scores	Pos. Class	no. events	Best 7 Scores	Pos. Class	
<b>CLASS A</b>		cc							
Liam Rollings		Austin Mini	1310	1	10	1	1	10	1
Jamie Yapp		Vauxhall Nova SR	1297	1	9	2			
Richard Yapp		Vauxhall Nova SR	1297	1	8	3			
Andy Williams		Nissan Micra	998	1	7	4			
James Williams	Y	Nissan Micra	998	1	6	5			
Lee Mathews		Vauxhall Nova	1398	1	5	6			
Elis Mathews	Y	Vauxhall Nova	1398	1	3	7			
Richard Pain		Fiat 500	1250	1	1	8			
Scott MacMahon	Y	Nissan Micra	1348	1	1	8			
Alan Wakeman		Nissan Micra	1300	0	0		1	9	2
Miranda Wakeman	Y	Nissan Micra	1300	0	0		1	8	3
<b>CLASS B</b>									
Ian Williams		Renault Clio	1998	1	10	1			
Jamie Foster		Proton Satria	1800	1	9	2			
Nick Pollitt		Susuki Swift Sport	1596	1	8	3			
Paul Price		Renault Clio	1998	1	7	4			
David Graves		Sport Ka	1599	1	6	5			
Jamie Yapp		Renault Clio 172 Cup	1998				1	10	1
Steve Conner		Ford Puma					1	9	2
Richard Yapp		Renault Clio 172 Cup	1998				1	7	3
Philip Turner		Ford Puma					1	6	4
Richard Mortimer		Mini					1	5	5
Richard Olsen		MGZR	1800				1	4	6
Emma Olsen		MGZR	1800				1	3	7
Mark Summers		Ford Puma					1	0	
<b>CLASS C</b>									
Lauren Crook		Saab 9-3	1985	1	5	1			
<b>CLASS D</b>									
Neil Jones		Mazda MX5	1840	1	10	1			
Howard Morris		Mazda MX5	1840	1	9	2			
Jim Bryant		Mazda MX5					1	10	1
Alexander Smith		Mazda MX5					1	8	2
Peter Cox		Honda S2000	2000				1	6	3
<b>CLASS E</b>									
Luke Dale		Mev Exocet					1	7	1



# **BTRDA<sup>®</sup> Car Trials Championship**

## **LOW DOWN TORQUE**

Welcome to the first issue of NEWS for this year and a big thank you for joining in with our Car Trials Championship, perhaps as a newcomer, a lapsed contender or a year-on-year renewal. If you fall into the first category, apologies for the difficulties our online membership may have presented to you – our f.o.c. concession is causing some technical and operational difficulties.

Try as I might, I can't avoid bringing the weather into this column. I'm sure you will be aware that our planned big season-opening weekend in the Somerset/Dorset/Devon borders area was totally "snowed off" and so at copy date we have no events under our belt to report upon. *Stop Press:* we've managed to prise in the report on the Golden Springs – thank you editor Pat!

We have reminded organising clubs that we are making Scrutineer Record cards available, the purpose of which is to record any advisory faults with cars and encourage their rectification. "Faults" might be relatively trivial, they might be marginal eligibility concerns; the list could go on!

I take this opportunity to remind championship contenders that we would welcome your opinion on what constitutes a "sump guard", principally

in the context of Class 1 cars, and whether more extensive under-body protection might be considered acceptable in a class for essentially unmodified cars. Why, for instance, is it OK to help keep oil in the sump but not brake fluid in a brake pipe or petrol in a petrol tank? We'd also like to consult on: whether to re-introduce a rolling date for Class 1 eligibility; or perhaps introduce a new Class for "newish" cars, in line with the original thinking behind Class 1. Please email me with your thoughts.

Don't forget the opportunity to spend a non-competitive day at the MGCC "Taster 2" day at Bromsgrove on 29<sup>th</sup> April. New car, modified car, new techniques, novice driver – can all be "trialled" without prejudicing championship points. It's also a good time to spend in the company of like-minded folk to share ideas or see the assembled expert drivers put their skills to the test, with or without an explanation if things didn't go according to plan!

Have a great new season.

Best wishes

Neil Mackay

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## **Golden Springs Car Trial – Woolbridge Motor Club – 25 March 2018**

I think by now it has been well documented that the planned opening events to our 2018 Championship succumbed to the "wintery" weather that hit most parts of the country late February, into early March – and beyond. As a

consequence, we lost the running of a new event in the championship (Windwhistle MC's Spring Trial) as the venue remained unusable 3 weeks later, but Woolbridge MC were more fortunate and with the persistence of Mark

Hoppe and his team their trial was able to run on 25 March. We are indebted to the club for their efforts and look forward to returning to the venue in October, where we will conclude our year with the championship Final Trial.

Having been greeted at the entrance gate and then cleared scrutineering, competitors were presented with a generous welcome pack at signing-on, including a useful score card sized clip board. The club was out to impress! We didn't even need to wait for the drivers' briefing to know our start hills (there were 3) as this had been advised in the Final



**Dick Glossop in his Leige.**  
Photo: Duncan Stephens



## **BTRDA<sup>®</sup> Car Trials Championship**

Instructions. The national trial had attracted 17 starters, the club trial 14, making for a rewarding turnout for the organisers. Conditions under foot were soft and damp, but Mark was generous, often very generous, with the width of sections and this minimised any loss of grass to the slippery mud that was poised to come to the surface at any time. Then, right on cue, nature's feel good factor emerged from behind the clouds to make for a thoroughly pleasant day and an unforeseen al fresco lunch.

I had the dubious benefit of leading off class 2 on one of the split start hills and knew I had to make the right choice of line and gain as much pace as I could whenever I could, for it was clear that with the odd exception I needed to maintain grip and not expect to dig myself out of trouble with incessant wheel spin; indeed, we'd been warned off this at the briefing. After a confidence building couple of sections with no points dropped, I neared the top of section number 5 heading for what, at a distance, seemed a difficult but possible 3<sup>rd</sup> zero. But having successfully crested a ridge I was horrified to see a finish gate out of reach to my right; the left hand stick I had been focussing on turned out to be the 2, not the 1. Lesson learnt. Move on.

Hill six involved a sweeping uphill r/h turn followed by a tighter l/h turn; I managed the first turn, somehow, but couldn't carry enough speed into the next turn, resulting in a score of 5. The good news was that this was matched by Shawn Franklin (Saxo) and nearly by Garry Preston (Uno diesel) on 6, but all other scores were in the 12 to 10 bracket, with Andy Webb (Alpha Romeo 145) pinching a 9. The conditions just seemed to be suiting the AX. Section 1 was particularly different from the others, with a severe downhill drop off the line going into a tighter than 90 degree turn across camber, then down and up to the finish over a crest. The big decision concerned how one left the start line – over to the left where there was more grip downhill, but making for a tighter turn, or straight down from the r/h stick onto mud

and loose bracken but with some grip thereafter for a better line to turn back up. I opted for the latter, knowing I had to keep off the brakes as far as possible before finding grip but the decision gave me a wider line and greater pace on the cross camber climb. Another pleasing clean, always the best reward for making a decision and then making it work.

After what seemed to be a longish round, with a bit of queuing when we met up with the other splits and having to move to and fro between fields, I finished the round on a lowly 6 but with Shawn pushing me hard on 7. Next best in class were a returning Garry Preston and Andy Webb both on 18; sadly Garry had to retire the Uno with a broken water pump. I was delighted that the half hour of preparation of the car at the end of February seemed to be paying off. Preparation? Oh yes! - I had swapped the front wheels from one side to the other. And washed the car.

Over in Class 1, the unexpectedly small entry (3) was devoid of Saxos and found Trevor Moffatt (Corsa) on 19 with John Wadsworth very much in touch on 22, leaving Bristol's Andy Wood (Yaris) on a more distant 49. In Class 3, we welcomed young Ifan Roberts (Dutton) and Dick Glossop (Liege) to our championship, with Dick showing his experience by tucking himself just one point behind Barrie Parker (Westfield). Intriguingly their scores couldn't match the best fwd Class 2 cars.

For the other 3 rounds, sensible tweaks were made between rounds 1 and 2 and between 3 and 4, with and necessary big changes being made over lunch. The scores at half time found Trevor just keeping ahead of John, Shawn falling back a tad and Rupert North (borrowed



## **BTRDA<sup>®</sup> Car Trials Championship**

Saxo) moving up to 3<sup>rd</sup> whilst at the close John had had a disappointing afternoon and slipped back a bit and status quo remained in Classes 2 and 3.

We are indebted to the landowner for permitting use of the venue after the difficult weather conditions (that made for a super trials surface), to Mark and Merv for their persistence and who, together with the marshals, made for a warm and welcoming day and a first class event. We'll see you in October.

**Neil Mackay**



**Ifan Roberts Dutton Phaeton**  
Photo: Duncan Stephens

### **Scorer's Snippets 17<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

We welcome Colin Flashman (Cornwall) Ifan Roberts (Bala MC) and Elis Mathews (Anglesey) to BTRDA Car Trials registration. I think that shows that you don't need to be Midlands based to take part, and we wish them every success. Welcome back, also to Lee Mathews and Garry Preston after a number of years away.

Having won the Bronze Star<sup>®</sup> championship last year, Trevor Moffatt has moved up to Silver Star<sup>®</sup> this year. Also, as Shawn Franklin and Rupert North won the Gold Star<sup>®</sup> and British Championships in 2017, they move up to 'Gold only' status.

Having had a bit of a false start, there are no scores to show you at copydate because of the snow postponements/cancellations. For those of you who haven't read the details within the regs, competitors who had entered an event

before it was cancelled or postponed are credited with a 'Start' (albeit with no points) to count towards their minimum of five starts to qualify for the Grand Final. If the event is run on a new date, any competitor who does not enter the 'new' event retains their 'Start' from the old date. A competitor who does take part on the new date will lose their 'Start', but score points in the normal way. These 'starts' can be accrued up to a maximum of twice in the year.

The championship scores are on the BTRDA website – and they are 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; contact details are inside the front cover of this News.

**Simon Harris**

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# BTRDA® 2018 Championship Events

March 2018

**ALLROUNDERS:** With the exception of "invitation by qualification" events such as the Car Trial and Sporting Trial Finals all events qualifying for all BTRDA® Championships within the calendar year (1 January – 31 December) will be qualifying events for the Allrounders Championship. Additional events may be selected, of which notice will be given in BTRDA® NEWS and on [www.btrda.com](http://www.btrda.com). Events for the Speed Group G will be any NON-BTRDA CHAMPIONSHIP Autocross, Sprint or Hill Climb of National A or National B status. Entrants may choose which of the events to enter and it is unnecessary to advise BTRDA Ltd in advance of the selected events.

*Please check the BTRDA website for updates*

Apr	1	Autotest EASTER	AutoSOLO	Car Trials	Rallycross	Rally – Asphalt	Rally - Forest	Sporting Trials
	7							
	8	Herefordshire MC	Bath MC (B)	Basil Elkington Bearsted				Geoff Taylor MSA
	14							
	15			Ivinghoe Spring Trial Tring/Dunstable			Rallynuts Stages Rally Mid Wales	J B Taylor MSA
	21	Boundless by CSMA						
	22	NE London	Oxford MC (A)					Pennine MSA
	28							
	29							
May	5							
	6							
	7	Bank Holiday Monday		Warwickshire Long Compton				Jigger Jug Raymond Baxter
	11							
	12					Manx National Rally		
	13	Wolverhampton & SSCC	Sixty & Worcestershire (A) Farnborough & DMC (B)		Pembrey Pembrey		Plains Rally West Wales	Four Turnings MSA



# BTRDA® 2018 Championship Events

March 2018

	Autotest	AutoSOLO	Car Trials	Rallycross	Rally – Asphalt	Rally - Forest	Sporting Trials
May	19						
	20	Boundless by CSMA NWMG (A)					Spring Trial MSA
	26	Bristol MC (B)	Derwydd ** Corwen				
	27		Mathews Auto Salvage ** Anglesey				
Jun	28	Bank Holiday Monday					
	2/3						
	9				Rally van Wervik		
	10	Hartlepool & DCC	Wyre Forest Stourport on Severn			Carlisle Stages Rally Incl MSA English Kellder Forest West	
	16						
	17			Blyton Park			
	23						
	24	Knutsford & DMC	Wyre Valley Ledbury				
		Boundless by CSMA NWMG (A)					
		Loughborough CC (B)					
July	30						
	1						
	7						
	8	Alwoodley MC					
	14			Pembrey		Nicky Grist Stages Incl. MSA English	
	15			Pembrey		Builth Wells	



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July	21	South of Scotland MC		Cymru Abergele				
	22		Under 17 MCNW (A)	HCC Wales Prestatyn				
	28/29							
Aug	4							
	5	Caernarvonshire & Anglesey MC	Bath MC (B)					
	11/12							
	18							
	19	Whitchurch MC	Under 17 MCNW (A)					
	25							
	26					Mewia National		
	27	Bank Holiday Monday						
Sep	1							
	2	Loughborough CC		Ernest Owen Memorial Burton upon Trent			Woodpecker Stages Incl. MSA English Shropshire/Welsh Borders	
	8				Lydden Hill			
	9		Bristol MC (B)	Gaby Mohr Memorial Bridgnorth				Robin Jager MSA
	15							
	16		Ross & District MSL					Robin Alexander David Ayres
	22							
	23							
	29							Peter Fear MSA
	30						Trackrod Forest Stages Incl. MSA English	





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Oct	6						
	7	Oxford MC (A) & (B)	Grand Final c/o Woolbridge MC				John Southern MSA
	13						
	14	Sixty & Worcs (A)		Blyton Park			Charles Pollard MSA
	20						
	21						Mercian Trial MSA
	27						
	28			Croft Circuit	Cheviot Stages Rally		
Nov	3						
	4	Knutsford MC					Tulleys Farm MSA Nominated 2018
	10						
	11					Wydean MSA English only	Roy Fedden MSA
	17						
	18	Grand Final (A) & (B)					Loughborough MSA
	24/25						
Dec	1						
	2						Gloster MSA
	8/9						
	15/16						
	22/23						
	29/30						

Notes: Autosolo (A) = Group A, (B) = Group B Rallycross & Car Trials \*\* = Provisional Dates



Minutes of the 36th Annual General Meeting of The British Trial & Rally Drivers Association Ltd  
Held on Sunday 21st January 2018 at Drayton Manor Hotel, Tamworth at 11.00 a.m.  
(71st AGM of the Association)

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The Chair was taken by the President, Mike Broad, who welcomed 30 members and their guests to the meeting.

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Bernard Baker, Stuart Beare, Angela Danby, Richard and Pat Egger, Julian Fack, Brian and Pat Midgley, Dawn Pollitt, Gemma Price, Norman Robertson, Kath Skermer, Hazel Stephens, Tom and Elizabeth Stevenson, Sue Underwood, Dave Walker.

The President explained that a slightly revised agenda for the meeting was now to hand because Tim Hobbs, a director of the Association and a member of Council, had lost his understated battle with cancer and sadly passed away last month. Tim had been due to retire from both the Association board and from Council, but would have been eligible for re-election, and had been a tremendous asset to the Association over many years, in particular to the Forest Rally championship.

**2. To receive & approve the Minutes of the 35th AGM held on the 22nd January 2017.**

The minutes of the 35th AGM were passed as a correct record of the meeting and were signed by the President.

**3. Treasurer's Report**

Mike Sones presented draft management accounts for the year ended 31 December 2017 with the comparison figures being for the 16 months ended 31 December 2016; the 2016 result had turned out better than had been envisaged at last year's AGM. The President made the point that there hadn't been an Asphalt Rally Championship in 2017 and as a consequence overall membership and championship fee income was down. Mike Broad went on to mention that we were working closely with REIS, who now handled our insurances.

**4. Election of a Director of The British Trial and Rally Drivers Association Ltd.**

No nominations had been received to fill the vacancy left by Tim Hobb's passing; the board may make an appointment in due course (the position to be held until the next AGM).

**5. Election of a Director of BTRDA Ltd.**

Nick Pollitt was unanimously nominated for re-appointment as a Director of BTRDA Ltd. There were no other nominations.

**6. Election of Council Members of BTRDA Ltd.**

Steve Layton, Bill Skermer and Richard Yapp were unanimously nominated to be reappointed as Council Members of BTRDA Ltd. There were no other nominations and three vacancies remained unfilled.

**7. Announcement of all Committee Chairmen and Committee Members.**

Steve Layton introduced the following representatives of the Specialist Committees, who gave a brief résumé of their disciplines' activities during the year and listed their committee members:

Allrounders – Peter Cox

Asphalt Rallies – Steve Layton

Autotests & AutoSolos – Steve Layton

Car Trials – Neil Mackay

Forest Rallies – Neil Cross

Rallycross – Mike Sones

Sporting Trials – Peter Fensom

Steve thanked all committee members, including those on Council and BTRDA Ltd, for their time and contributions over the last year.

**8. Any Other Business**

Mike Stephens apologised for stating the obvious, but wished to remind all committees that we have to find younger members.

There being no other business, the President thanked members for their attendance and the meeting closed at 11.44 a.m.

## SPECIAL AWARDS 2017 WINNERS

**Rhys Yates**

### The Stross Rally Trophy

Awarded annually to the BTRDA member achieving the best performance(s) or individual result(s) on any International or National Special Stage Rally Championship/Event. This trophy is awarded upon the recommendation of the Rally Committee

### The Jack Twyford Trophy

**Tom Cave**

Awarded annually to the highest placed BTRDA member driving on the British round of the World Rally Championship or otherwise any event in the British Rally Championship

### The John Gott Memorial Trophy

**Gill Cotton**

A Special Award to be presented at the discretion of the Rallies Committee

### The Patricia Baldwin Trophy

**Not awarded**

A Special Ladies Award to be presented at the discretion of Council

### The Automobile Club de Monaco Trophy

**Robert Dennis**

Awarded to the winning driver in the Gold Star Series Historic Cup

## HONORARY MEMBERS FOR LIFE

**DEREK SMITH:** Joined the BTRDA in 1951, competing regularly, particularly in Autotests, and won the Flatler Star in 1963. After three years as Secretary of the BTRDA member achieving the best performance(s) or individual result(s) on any International or National Special Stage Rally Championship/Event. This trophy is awarded upon the recommendation of the Rally Committee

**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. Phil is still a member of Council and has served on the Rallycross committee since 1984. Additionally they have been involved in the production of the BTRDA News

**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 to take an active interest in the BTRDA.

**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 from 1988 until 2013, 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.

**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 was subsequently elected as President in 1989. His tenure of that position saw 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.

**MIKE SONES:** Mike joined BTRDA in 1972 specifically to contest the Production Car Trial Championship, and moved on to the Autotest Championship in 1974. Having been rallying since 1963, he joined the Rallies Committee in 1977 and ran the Road Rally Championship until its conclusion in 1987. Membership of the Allrounders/NEWS Committee began in the mid '70s, and the organisation of the AGM and Luncheon followed the retirement of Ron Kemp in the mid '80s. He was elected Treasurer in 1982 and served in that role until 1993. The Autotest Committee was joined in 1994, a membership that continues to this day. The Sporting Trials Championship was contested for a few years in the late '90s. In addition, he chairs the Rallycross Committee and is involved in the management of the MSA Asphalt Rally Championship. He was involved in the Association's conversion to a Limited Company, in the formation of the Holding and Operational companies that exist today, and in organising the 60<sup>th</sup> and 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. He was elected Chairman of Council in the Golden Jubilee Year of 1988 and continued in that position until retiring in 2014.

**BERNARD BAKER:** Bernard joined the Autotest Committee, representing event organisers, when Eastern Counties MC won the best event award for their Felixstowe round in 1977. He subsequently became committee secretary in 1980, a role he finally relinquished in 1997. His accountancy skills also brought him to the attention of BTRDA Council, when he was asked to take the role of Treasurer during 1994, a position subsequently confirmed at the AGM in 1995. He continued in the role until the end of 2014, having successfully reported on the financial affairs of both the Holding and Operational companies for 20 years.

# ***Gold Star<sup>®</sup> Champions 2017***

**Allrounders**

**Autotest**

**Car Trial**

**Forest Rally Driver**

**Forest Rally Co-Driver**

**Rallycross**

**Sporting Trial**

**John Fox**

**Richard Pinkney**

**Shawn Franklin**

**Stephen Petch**

**Michael Wilkinson**

**Jeff Hope-Davies**

**Ian Wright**

## ***AutoSolo Championship***

**Jamie Yapp**



**2017 Champions and their trophies  
at the luncheon  
Photo: Duncan Wild**