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**Wayne Sisson and Max Freeman  
Wervik Rally, Belgium**



## President's Mid Term Report

This time last year, we attached a copy of the annual accounts. Due to many various factors, we are unable to send them to you in this edition of BTRDA News, but they will be enclosed with the Autumn Edition.

Our two Rally Championships, the Protyre MSA Asphalt Championship and the Jordan Road Surfacing BTRDA Rally Championship account for well over 50% of our members and I am delighted to say that we have had some great news over the past few weeks.

The MSA have at last, after a lot of lobbying, announced that the running order on gravel events can revert back to what it was, in other words we can put the small 1400cc , Rally First, and Cat 1 Historic cars at the front of the field. Of course we cannot expect to find lots of extra entries immediately, but it will help a lot and I can see more support for the Championships next year. It will help also to batch similar cars together which helps a lots to create the ambience we built up over so many years so that we can have more Serious Fun.

I can also say that the MSA are revisiting the regulations regarding seats and seat belts and I very much hope that we shall hear some news in the next few weeks. They are also putting on hold the introduction of Tracking for vehicles on Stage Rallies, as further in-car systems to those already announced are being looked at and a further announcement should be made by the end of the year.

The Protyre MSA Asphalt Rally Championship has had a great start for the revamped series and my special thanks go to Jane Evans who has worked tirelessly to get it up and running. We have over 100 registrations with mostly full entries on events, in fact the new one day rally in N.Ireland, the Carryduff Forklift Down Rally in July was full within two days! I am going over for this one and it should be special. It will be great to see our National Competitors against the locals...but I somehow think that it is being put on as an excuse to have a great big party, I cannot wait. I am so pleased it is going well, and there is no doubt that we have already learned a few thing to improve the Championship for next year.

Although not in our Championship may I say " well done " to Gary Nichols and his team for putting on the first closed road rally in England, the Clacton Rally in April. We shall be talking to the organisers to see if they want to be considered for the series next year, but personally I think they could do without the pressure of a National Championship, but we shall see, I am often wrong !

Out other Championships all seem to be doing well. Sporting Trials are on holiday at the moment. We have seen an increase in registrations for Rallycross. Autotest remain as competitive as ever and the Autosolo numbers are up, and finally may I say well done to Board Director Neil Mackay who has returned to winning ways in the Car Trial Championship. Finally, for those who want to plan ahead, we have just confirmed the date and venue for out AGM and Prize presentation Luncheon for 2019. It will be held at the Drayton Manor Park Hotel on **SUNDAY 03 FEBRUARY 2019**. More details will be announced in the next edition of BTRDA News.

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## Prot tyre MSA Asphalt Rally Championship

### Sisson leads Prot tyre MSA Asphalt Rally Championship at mid-distance

It's been an exciting start to the new-look Prot tyre MSA Asphalt Rally Championship, with well over 100 registered competitors and three different winners from the first three rounds. At mid-distance, it's Wayne Sisson/Max Freeman who top the overall drivers' and co-drivers' points tables in their B14 class leading Mitsubishi Lancer Evo X.

The experienced Carnforth driver has been consistently fast in the first part of the season, finishing seventh on the opening Melvyn Evans Motorsport Tour of Epynt, third on the Bet On Aces Manx National and fifth on the Rally van Wervik – to give him an 18 point lead. The immaculately prepared Evo hasn't missed a beat either, so it's a well-deserved position at the head of the table.

Jason Pritchard led the series after winning the Manx National in his North Road Garage Focus WRC05, but early clutch problems saw him retire his Fiesta S2000 in Belgium and he and co-driver Phil Clarke slip to second. However, with five scores from six rallies to count, the Builth Wells man's title challenge is still very much on.

Illness forced Daniel Harper to miss the opening event, but since then he's been flying in his Minisport-run John Cooper Works Mini WRC. Co-driven by Chris Campbell, he finished second on the Manx and, after a ragged start, came home third in Belgium to be third in the overall points table.

A very impressive Belgian rally debut saw Barry Groundwater/Neil Shanks climb to fourth in the series in their Groundwater Lift Trucks/AMS-backed Mitsubishi Lancer Evo X – the Aberdeen driver finishing just seven seconds behind Harper in Wervik after another great run. Groundwater is also second in the B14 class, 15 points behind Sisson.

Adrian Spencer started the season well with fifth on Epynt, but retirement on the Manx saw his RED Industries Subaru Impreza WRC have a major rebuild in time for Wervik. It was well worth it, for he and co-driver Matt Daniels took sixth, with the little help from spectators pushing them out of a ditch, to hold fifth place after three rounds.

A Belgian ditch has been the only hiccup in an otherwise sensational start to the season for Phil

Turner, who was third overall going into Wervik. Ripping the front right wheel clean off on SS2 wasn't exactly the plan and it's dropped Phil and co-driver Ian Meakin down to sixth overall, although their Toovey Race Engines/ST Motorsport-backed Escort Mk2 is still the best-placed two-wheel drive car and also leads the B11 class.

Richard and Pat Egger are second in the B11 class in their Highland Cottage Vauxhall Nova. They missed the opening round as Richard was recovering from a skiing accident, but since then they've been flying in



**Daniel Harper/Chris Campbell  
take a "cut" on the Wervik Rally**



## Protyre MSA Asphalt Rally Championship

**Manx Rally – A tale of contrasting weather**  
**Top- Steve Retchless/Sasha Heriot on Friday Night**  
**Bottom – Phil Turner/Ian Meakin on Saturday**



their home-built pocket rocket. Paul and Julian Doroszczuk are third in class after also scoring well twice in their normally-aspirated Cosworth-engined Drockspeed Motorsport Escort Mk2, with a broken clutch in Belgium their only retirement.

Kevin Harbour/Dave Tortoiseshell lead the B10 class in their Dovebank Motors Citroen C2R2. They're in a close battle with Roger Priestnall/Jamie Forrest, who were leading the

class until they put their Proton Satria S1600 into a ditch near the end of Wervik. Dai Roberts is third in class, after an inspired victory on the Manx in his Peugeot 205 GTI. Mike Pugsley/Stuart Powell led B12 in their Escort Mk1, while Tim Waters leads B13 in his Renault Clio V6. That's quite an achievement, for it's Tim's first rally season after a break of more than 16 years, and he is being co-driven by his son Jack, who is enjoying his first ever season of competition. Steve Retchless/Sasha Heriot are second in B13, 12 points behind Waters, despite crashing their stage rally Escort Mk2 on the Manx and rebuilding their road-rally spec Mk2 for Belgium, thus keeping their title hopes alive.

Jerseyman Ed Fossey heads the R2 class, despite using two different co-drivers and two different Peugeot 208 R2s – driving his own on Epynt and hiring a car locally in Belgium. Bill Paynter/Andy Hollingham lead the 1400C class in their Hilka-backed Peugeot 106 Rallye, in spite of a few brake problems on the Manx, while Lloyd Morgan/Marc Clatworthy lead the 1400S category in their Euro Tech Roofing/Dynamic Fluids-backed Nissan Micra, despite a very late retirement in Belgium.

With six Asphalt Rally Championship titles under his belt, Damian Cole started the 2018 season as was one of the favourites. Co-driven by Jamie Edwards, it's only been bad luck since he finished second on Epynt, with suspension problems on the Isle of Man and a bad misfire in Belgium forcing his Get Connected Ford Fiesta WRC out twice and leaving him down in 16th place.



## Protyre MSA Asphalt Rally Championship

Melvyn Evans won the opening round and with 30 points on the board could put himself right back into title contention in the second half of the season. Also driving a Subaru Impreza WRC S11 is Bob Fowden, who had high hopes of title success in his 40th year competing in rallying, until a fire severely damaged the engine bay of his Comline Auto Parts/NGK-backed car.

Chris Rice/Charley Sayer-Payne were fourth overall after two rounds in their TAS Motorsport Subaru Impreza – a great achievement because, despite running in class B14, it is basically a Group N car with a six-speed gearbox. Chris Ford/Neil Colman have also been going well in their ex-Chris Atkinson Century Hose backed Subaru Impreza WRC S11.

The Protyre MSA Asphalt Rally Championship live streaming service has been a huge success,

with the first three rounds receiving hundreds of thousands of views – thanks to some fantastic stage-side camera work by the Special Stage TV team and superb commentary from Howard Davies. Highlights have also been broadcasted on Motorsport TV, on Front Runner and on the Motor Trend On Demand channel, as well as on the Special Stage Facebook, YouTube and App platforms.

Round 4 of the Protyre MSA Asphalt Rally Championship is the Carryduff Folklift Down Rally on Saturday 21 July. The series then visits the Old Forge Garage Mewla Rally for the penultimate round on 25/26 August, before finishing on the Keldine Autos Cheviot Stages Rally on 28 October.

**Paul Evans**

### Championship Positions Following Round 3

#### Overall Positions

	Drivers				Co-Drivers	
1	Wayne Sisson	76		1	Max Freeman	79
2	Jason Pritchard	58		2	Chris Campbell	58
3	Daniel Harper	55		3	Phil Clarke	58
4	Barry Groundwater	52		4	Neil Shanks	54
5	Adrian Spencer	50		5	Matt Daniels	53
6	Phil Turner	46		6	Ian Meakin	47
7	Ed Fossey	40		7	Dave Tortoiseshell	43
8	Chris Rice	40		8	Jack Waters	42
9	Steve Retchless	33		9	Sasha Heriot	39
10	Kevin Harbour	33		10	Pat Egger	37

#### Class Leaders

B10	Kevin Harbour	34		B10	Dave Tortoiseshell	35
B11	Phil Turner	30		B11	Ian Meakin	30
B12	Mike Pugsley	27		B12	Ryan Jones	15
B13	Tim Waters	32		B13	Jack Waters	32
B14	Wayne Sisson	42		B14	Max Freeman	42
B15	Daniel Harper	27		B15	Chris Campbell	27
R2	Ed Fossey	30		R2	Chris Sharpe-Simkiss	15
R5	Geoff Wright Rhys Yates	15		R5	Chris Sanderson	15

#### Class 1400

C	Bill Paynter	30		C	Andy Hollingham	30
S	Lloyd Morgan	15		S	Marc Clatworthy Shaun Layland	15





## Rallymen Kicking up dust



### **BTRDA Rally Series**

1 = Silver Star leader

Robert Dennis with Simon Rogers

2 = Production Cup leader and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Gold Star

Russ Thompson/Andy Murphy

3 = Rally First Leader

M Baddeley with Yan Griffiths

### **MSA Asphalt Rally Championship**

4 = Class B10 leaders

Kevin Harbour/Dave Tortoiseshell

5 = R2 Class Leader

Ed Fossey with Yan Griffiths







## Jordan Road Surfacing BTRDA® Rally Series



### GATHERING NUTS IN.... APRIL!...

Rejoining the Jordan Road Surfacing BTRDA Rally Series® for the first time in more than a quarter of a century, the Rallynuts Stages (or 'Severn Valley' for those with longer memories!) took contenders to the Royal Welsh Agricultural Showground in Builth Wells in mid-April. The event provided Matt Edwards/Darren Garrod with the opportunity to take their first outright BTRDA Series victory and, just to prove it was no flash in the pan, they repeated the exercise on the Plains Rally a month later! The most recent event since the last update, the ATL Carlisle Stages, saw them grappling with power steering problems which afflicted their Fiesta for much of the day but, struggling manfully on, they brought the recalcitrant car home in 2<sup>nd</sup> place to add another healthy bag of points to their two maximums.

Notwithstanding, they still trail Paul Bird/Jack Morton whose Focus WRC took maximum points on the opening round of the season, the Cambrian Rally, before a couple of 3<sup>rd</sup> places on both the Rallynuts and Plains Rallies. Then, on Penrith-based Bird's 'home' event, the Carlisle Stages, local knowledge was put to good use (not to mention Edwards' problems!) to see the British Superbike Team boss record his first outright victory of the season.

2017 Gold Star Champions Stephen Petch/Michael Wilkinson have made it perfectly plain that they are out to put their names on the trophy for a second straight year. Solid runs on the first three events kept them in touch with the

Championship leaders and their Fiesta was actually leading the Carlisle Stages until it left the road during a rainstorm of biblical proportions that caused havoc to any number of competitors on the penultimate stage of the day. They did actually regain the road after a significant delay but there was something amiss underneath the Fiesta, leading them to call it a day at that point. Dropped scores come into play after the next round and that can have the effect of levelling the playing field - however, everybody with designs on the 2018 Gold Star Championship still has a significant amount of work to do before the end of term!

Fiesta converts for this year, Luke Francis/John H Roberts put their Cambrian DNF behind them to take 2<sup>nd</sup> places on both the Rallynuts and Plains Rallies but, in the style of Jaws, just when they thought it was safe.... They got caught in Edwards' dust as he grappled with his understeering car on the long run through Newcastleton on the Carlisle Stages and ended up in a ditch. Once extricated, the undamaged car was driven back to the finish, but it was game over for them. Also experiencing the delights of a Fiesta this season, Sacha Kakad/James Aldridge fared somewhat better than the North Walians to take 5<sup>th</sup> in Carlisle but the similarity with the two crews is that they now look to Round 5 with just two scores to their names. It's still possible to end the season smelling of roses but any mistakes on the remaining events from either of them and the odour will be much less fragrant!

Charlie Payne retired from 4<sup>th</sup> place in Carlisle, planting his Fiesta upside down and perilously close to where Petch's similar car was resting, while Hugh Hunter and Julian Reynolds have both missed the last couple of events and must now consider themselves rank outsiders in terms of this year's title.

Having taken maximum scores in Class B13 in their Impreza on the first two events of the season, Dylan Davies/Llion Williams have left the others to get on with it. In spite of planting their Escort





## Jordan Road Surfacing BTRDA® Rally Series



Cosworth off the road on the Plains, Ian Joel/Graeme Wood are currently enjoying seeing their names in lights at the top of their respective tables, while Matthew Hirst/Declan Dear (Lancer EVO9) are keeping them honest.

Following Tom Naughton/Will Rogers' big accident on the Plains which will see them sidelined for a while, the main protagonists in the BTRDA Production Cup® are defending champions Russ Thompson/Andy Murphy and former champions Pat Naylor/Ian Lawrence! Thompson came out on top on the first three events while Naylor, who also retired from the Rallynuts Stages, maintained the upper hand in Carlisle. As we've said before, there's still a way to go but, with three maximums and a second on the board already, Thompson currently has the upper hand. Jon Ross/Martin Auskerin were absent from Carlisle, while we haven't seen Dan Moss/Sam Allen since the Rallynuts....

The MRF Fiesta ST Trophy, to give it its full and correct title, has produced different winners on each of the four rounds to date. Zak Hughes/Tom Wood, James Giddings/Sion Cunliffe, Calvin Green/Osian Owen and, most recently, Ewan Tindall/Paul Hudson have all had some lukewarm sparkling wine to spray over each other and, if extremely unlucky, been forced to taste some as well!... Giddings/Cunliffe's other scores see them at the top of the table, but Tindall's campaign only started on the Plains because, prior to that, he wasn't old enough to hold a driving licence.....

In terms of numbers, the Jordan Road Surfacing Silver Star® Championship is extremely healthy - thus far 68 drivers have scored points but, that aside, we've had some real giant-killing performances by those standing on the podium at various times. Once again, each round has produced a different winner - following John Rowlands/Glenn Latham (Escort) on the Cambrian, Rob Dennis/Andy Boswell came up trumps in their similar car on the Rallynuts, then it was Ieuan Rowlands/Emyr Hall in their (Barry Jordan) loaned Avenger on the Plains and, finally, George Lepley/Tom Woodburn's R2 Fiesta that saw off all-comers in Carlisle.

The runners-up points have been spread far and wide as well - Chris Powell/Jim Lewis (1400cc Sunbeam), Owen McMackin/Lee Taylor (Escort), Max Utting/Mike Ainsworth (Fiesta ST Max - fancy having a car named after you!) and, following an unfortunate end to their outing on the Plains, Bob Vardy/Keaton Williams came back fighting to put their Fiesta R2 into 2<sup>nd</sup> spot in Carlisle. Consistency sees Rob Dennis as the current leader from George Lepley and Andy Davison whose rapid (at least it is the way he drives it!) Talbot Sunbeam VXR took yet another class win in Kielder.

Prior to the Plains Rally, Ernie Graham/Robin Kellard (Escort) were making the BTRDA Historic Cup® all their own, while Tom Coughtrie (Mitsubishi Galant VR4) was doing likewise in the newly-instigated Class H4. However, both cars didn't see the finish in Welshpool but then, a month later, normal service was resumed in

Carlisle, with Ernie & Robin also gracing the Silver Star podium...

While discussing the main two-wheel drive elements of the BTRDA Rally Series, it would be rude not to mention the exploits - not to mention the unstinting support - of Barry Jordan himself. While Ernie Graham was having issues on the Plains, BJ kept his head and came away with a maximum of his own, but then Kielder got the better of him when the Avenger waited until the final stage before throwing the towel in!



**Historic Cup leaders Ernie Graham/Robin Kellard  
On Crychan 2 Rallynuts Stages**

Photo: Kevin Money/Malcolm Almond





## Jordan Road Surfacing **BTRDA® Rally Series**



The inaugural BTRDA Rallye R2 Cup has seen 14 drivers dip in and out of it so far but, be that as it may, George Lepley/Tom Woodburn (Fiesta) are treating it as if there's no-one else about. Four wins from four starts sees them tantalisingly close to winning the free run on Wales Rally GB through the 'Road to Wales' scheme. The timing is such that the award will be made to the R2 Cup leader after the Woodpecker Stages at the beginning of September and, while Will Graham, Bob Vardy and Tony Simpson are still in a position to ultimately influence the destination of the prize, they need to keep the pressure up in order to do so!

We should, perhaps, mention that the reason Jack Leese/Sam Spencer are not included in the list is that they are presently recovering from a huge accident on the Plains. Jack needed surgery on a broken leg and we wish him a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing him out and about again as soon as his body allows it!

Unless you've been on Mars for a while, you'll be aware that the MSA has recently relaxed its ruling in regard to the running order on events. The Carlisle Stages was the first to benefit from this but, with the best will in the world, it's going to be next season at the earliest before we can gauge just how our 1400 & Rally First Championships will be affected. Nevertheless, it's encouraging that our constant prodding - along with that from a number of other agencies - has finally borne fruit!

Now, where were we? Ah, yes - the BTRDA 1400 Championship. Chris Powell/Jim Lewis are the only crew with two maximums but, having shone on those events, their Talbot Sunbeam is still prone to the occasional aberration! Fastest 1400 on the opening stage in Carlisle, it then began to suffer with electrical gremlins which affected the fuel pump. They pulled up to see if they could suss out what was wrong and took a maximum in the process. They got going again but, to cut a long story short, they eventually arrived back in Carlisle as last classified finishers!...

Dave & Toby Brick lead the series in their Corsa, from Powell/Lewis, but there was a new face on the winner's rostrum in Carlisle. Tommi

Meadows had forsaken his Ka for an R2 Fiesta on the Plains but reappeared in the 1400 for the Carlisle Stages and, with the help of Emma Morrison, won the category by 40s from the Suzuki Swift of Steve Black.

Kieran Darrington's rehabilitation continued with a third consecutive finish and now, with three rounds remaining, the Top Six drivers are separated by a mere 11 points. To use an old Fleet Street expression, this one will 'run and run'!...

Matthew Baddeley leads the BTRDA Rally First® Championship in his VW Lupo from the Nissan Micra of Owen McConochie/Rhodri Williams, while Andrew Wheatley's Puma and the MG ZR of Richard Ingleby both have maximums to their credit. Unfortunately, Wesley Gilford's attempt at taming Kielder was unsuccessful after his Fiesta ST slid off into one of those infamous ditches on the penultimate stage. Better luck next time....

Following the enforced cancellation of the Malcolm Wilson Rally, the MAXXIS MSA English Rally Championship finally set sail on the Carlisle Stages. Open, once again, to all vehicles complying with the current MSA Technical Regulations, the class-based series always has joint leaders after the opening round and a glance at the points table indicates that driving a Ford of some denomination is desirable at this stage.... Ernie Graham (Escort), George Lepley (Fiesta R2), Paul Bird (Focus WRC), Tommi Meadows (Ka) and Ian Joel (Escort Cosworth) will have to wait until the Nicky Grist Stages for the opportunity to gain ground on their rivals and claim top spot for themselves....

Indeed, the Nicky Grist Stages is next on the agenda for both BTRDA Rally Series and MSA English Rally Championship contenders and all roads will lead back to the Royal Welsh Showground in Builth Wells on 14<sup>th</sup> July...

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**





## Jordan Road Surfacing BTRDA® Rally Series



### Gold Star Championship

	Overall Driver	Points
1	Paul Bird	114
2	Russ Thompson	96
3	Matt Edwards	90
4	Stephen Petch	80
5	George Lepley	78
	Overall Co-Driver	Points
1	Jack Morton	114
2	Andy Murphy	97
3	Darren Garrod	90
4	Tom Woodburn	82
5	Patrick Walsh	81

### Silver Star Championship

	Overall Driver	Points
1	Robert Dennis	104
2	George Lepley	103
3	Andy Davison	98
4	Owen McMackin	80
5	Ernie Graham/ Allan McDowall	71
	Overall Co-Driver	Points
1	Tom Woodburn	105
2	Tom Murphy	101
3	Andrew Boswell	78
4	Gavin Heseltine	73
5	Robin Kellard	72

## 1400 Championship

	Overall Driver	Points
1	Dave Brick	83
2	Chris Powell	82
3	Kieran Darrington	79
4	Richard Cole	75
5	Perry Gardener	74

	Overall Co-Driver	Points
1	Toby Brick	112
2	Jim Lewis	83
3	Peter Williams	76
4	Phil King	56
5	Robert Smith	53

### BTRDA Rally First Championship



Driver	Points	Co-driver	Points
Mathew Baddeley	80	Rhodri Williams	59
Owen McConochie	57	Alex Booth	32
Guy Butler	52	Liam Johnson	31

### The Historic Cup



Driver	Points	Co-driver	Points
Ernie Graham	61	Robin Kellard	
Tom Coughtrie	53	Paul Wakely	
Barry Jordan	40	Mike Crawford	





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### BTRDA Production Cup



Driver	Points	Co-driver	Points
Russ Thompson	78	Andy Murphy	78
James Giddings	58	Sion Cunliff	58
Patrick Naylor	57	Ian Lawrence	57

### BTRDA Rallye R2 Cup



Driver	Points	Co-driver	Points
George Lepley	80	Tom Woodburn	80
Will Graham	60	Steven Davey	62
Robert Vardy	54	Keaton Williams	55

### Fiesta ST Trophy



Driver	Points	Co-driver	Points
James Giddings	70	Sion Cunliff	70
Kalvin Green	56	Osian Owen	55
Mathew Tordoff	51	Tim Tordoff	51

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**MSA ENGLISH RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP**

	Driver	Points		Co-driver	Points
1=	Ernie Graham	25	1=	Robin Kellard	25
1=	George Lepley	25	1=	Jack Morton	25
1=	Paul Bird	25	1=	Tom Woodburn	25
1=	Tommi Meadows	25	1=	Emma Morrison	25
1=	Ian Joel	25	1=	Graeme Wood	25

All results are shown following Carlisle Stages





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

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## **LOW DOWN TORQUE**

I'm composing this column between our two June events, pretty much half way through the championship calendar. Mark Hoppe has been rewarded for all the effort he has put into developing his Dutton Melos, overcoming a number of frustrating "issues" along the way, with a string of BTRDA Spoons being put to one side for handing over at our next Awards Luncheon in 2019. Mark now has some great scores under his belt in both the BTRDA and the MSA British championships, but as most of you will appreciate, our unique Grand Final trial can change championship outcomes in one fell swoop. At the other extreme of car preparation, my encouraging start to the season was rudely interrupted at the Wyre Forest trial when it turned out that the alternator was failing to pass its current to the battery, which itself eventually decided not to participate in the engine propulsion department. Particularly frustrating when the alternator itself had been replaced with a new one in the last year or two. But then you

only have to take a look at the AX wiring and wonder how anything works. Thank goodness for old-school auto-electricians!

We don't seem to have received much feedback on the consultation points raised in the Spring issue of *News*. It's not too late to let me have your thoughts on: sump guard sizes, Class 1 eligibility dates and/or a new class for "newish" cars. Or any other initiatives you might have for the future of the sport – all will be considered.

I guess that it won't be long before we start to mention battery-powered cars in these columns, but quite how easy they will be to drive without the feedback of the engine noises we are so familiar with remains to be seen. This is assuming the Regulations permit the cars in the first place, of course.

Enjoy the rest of the season.

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## **Warwickshire Trial, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018, Coventry and Warwickshire Motor Club**

After the disappointing loss of the wonderful Burton Dasset country park site near Gaydon, the club decided to try a return to an earlier popular site at Long Compton. This is a big site offering great variation in terrain and ground surfaces. Wet weather had been followed by a short dry warm spell so there were a variety of ground conditions from bone dry to soggy bits in shady nooks.

A good number of Championship contenders were there with a nicely balanced split between the three classes - 7, 8 and 7 respectively. Dave Oliver was CoC and laid out 8 hills. This is usually the number of hills these days, mainly because of the difficulty in getting marshals for more than that number.

After my success in the 'experimental' Fiat Seicento on the Ivinghoe trial, I brought it out

again to see whether my inaugural win was a fluke or not. Setting the early pace in the morning with clear points advantages were Shawn Franklin in this Saxo in Class 1, Ray Jacobs in his Saxo in Class 2 and Mark Hoppe in his Dutton in Class 3. Mark had put a lot of effort recently into improving the Dutton and the results were looking good. But at this stage this year, he had still not been up against Imp aces Dave and Steve, both officiating on the event.

A pleasant lunch break in the warm spring sunshine ensued when notes were exchanged over comebacks from Rich Harrison in a very smart



**Mark Hoppe at the Warwickshire Trial**  
**Photo: David Allman**

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red Mark 1 Golf GTi, Bill Moffatt in a 'classics' style Scimitar SS1 and Garry Preston in an Italian Fiat 127. Others fettled ailing cars and Bill decided to retire the SS1 because of terminal electrical problems. Nick Pollitt was excited about his impending trip to Amsterdam and was enquiring about the translation of various 'tourist' phrases.

With all hills altered to some degree, we set off for the afternoon rounds in hot conditions. The changes resulted in higher scores for most in round three and forced the retirements of Garry Preston and Ray Jacobs, Garry with a drivebelt gone and Ray with transmission problems I think. Ray's retirement allowed Rupert North in the Mini to take the lead Class 2, and the net low scores endemic in Class three saw Mark consolidate his overall lead position. Drying

conditions and only minor alterations in round four saw penalties tumble allowing the class leaders to hold on to their positions. John Charles in his Liege dropped only one point on this round, equalling Mark's score – but it was too late! Mark's effort bore fruit and he took the Overall win in the improved Dutton! He was delighted, deservedly. This left Kevin Roberts to inherit the Class 3 award with Ian Nute in second. Shawn Franklin won Class 1 followed by Henry Kitching then me. Class 2 was won by Rupert North followed by Phil Buckle and Simon Harris.

It was an excellent trial, with well thought out and variable hills on a familiar old venue. Many thanks to Dave, Steve and Steve and all the marshals.

***Barrie Parker***

### **Derwydd Trial 26th May 2018**

The Derwydd Trial was the first of our championship trials to be held in Wales this year and was hosted by Bala & District Motor Club at their now familiar Corwen site. It was well supported with eighteen championship contenders and four clubman entrants.

The weather was set to be fine all day with an occasional shower so it had all the ingredients for an interesting day. I was expecting the rocky drive up to the top of the hill and a series of hills incorporating the rocky landscape. However, a surprise on the day was the use of a new field with a grassy bank with hardly a protruding rock

to be seen. Kevin Roberts had set out seven hills, making good use of the slopes with varying challenges. The site was compact and after the first two rounds were completed in record time a discussion was had with Kevin and an additional round added before lunch. Two rounds in the afternoon were also finished in good time, thus allowing for an early finish and the chance to take advantage of the local hospitality.

Round one saw Shawn Franklin take an immediate lead over the rest of Class 1 with his closest rival Barrie Parker already seven marks behind. Class 2 saw Garry Preston take an early



**Rupert North at the Warwickshire Trial  
Photo: David Allman**

lead in his newly built Fiat 127. Class 3 saw Mark Hoppe and Dick Glossop level pegging, considerably ahead of the rest of the class.

Rounds two and three saw Shawn further extend his lead with Barrie still within 11 points and realistically being his only challenger with the rest of the class failing to get to grips with the new conditions. Garry maintained a healthy lead in Class 2 and with some significant climbs over the rest of the class. Mark and Dick continued to match each other's performance with Mark managing

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to gain the slenderest of leads of 1 point at lunch.

The afternoon saw Shawn take complete control with a significant win over the rest of Class 1 which would normally be more closely contended. Garry slowly increased his lead and secured his class win. Dick made two mistakes in the afternoon which cost him dear, giving Mark the Class win.

The overall winner was Mark Hoppe with the smallest of margins on the indexing over Shawn Franklin, leaving him with another Class win. Barrie Parker was second in class. Garry Preston took the Class 2 award with Dave Walker second in class. Dick Glossop took the class 3 award.

The event was enjoyed by all and a perfect start to a Welsh Weekend of Motorsport.

***Trevor Moffatt***

### **Matthews Auto Salvage Trial, Sunday May 27<sup>th</sup>, Anglesey**

After good weather on the Bala event on Saturday, our annual trip to Anglesey was threatened to be a wet one. As it turned out this was partially true, with overnight rain making the conditions somewhat moist when we arrived. However, the rain stayed away until the start of Rd 5 and proved to make a miserable and wet finish to the event.

The team had laid out 5 traditional trials hills and one hybrid "autotrial" timed section. Enjoyable but not universally accepted as a purist trial section.

The hills were well thought out in the main and used the limited elevation to good effect. Hill 1 was the timed section, mainly flat but becoming tricky at the end where a mistake would still cost you a nasty 12 points. Rule of thumb.....completion is better than a 12. Barrie Parker was the star on this section all day, using the little Fiat to great effect to be fastest on each

round. Thus earning the new nickname of Super Bario.

Hill 2 required a swift approach and then some well timed float across the camber. This was a hill that caused some dilemma and saw a mixture of lines used by the later cars to avoid the now well worn area where acceleration was needed. The top drivers had mixed results on this hill, showing how tricky it was.

Hill 3 looked simple.....a straight climb up the steepest part of the venue, with the soft ground and cattle trodden areas making it very bumpy, finding a mixture of speed and grip made it a challenge, particularly for the fwd classes. Generally most drivers had a good attempt, with most having at least one clean during the day.

Hill 4 was a technical hill with a climb, a drop, a cross camber and a straight climb challenging all. The slippery conditions making the climb and cross camber very tricky to get any acceleration from. The scoring here was tough and not one clear from all 24 competitors!

Hill 5 was the toughest hill of the day with a tricky climb into a bowl, the choice of staying high (and sliding off) or going low and not getting up the wall of the bowl....at which point you still only had a 7! Then some downhill and very tricky and tight climbs back to the top. Mark Hoppe gained valuable points in round 1 as the only driver to get out of the first bowl and end with a 2.

Hill 6 was a sharp climb from the start with a steep drop and an instant 180 degree turn up and onto

### **Kevin Roberts (aka Kev Block) at the Warwickshire Trial**





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a rutted sharp climb. Drivers were just scraping a 2 in the best conditions, but the 2nd change of direction was very challenging to get right.

The marshals kept the hills lively with minor changes each round and were well managed and marshalled. The rain somewhat spoilt the end of the day where the rushing with the soggy results cards lead to a few discrepancies. However these did not impact the main positions and it was Mark Hoppe who came out on top in the Dutton Melos - making it a double for the weekend, and 3 overalls in a row this season.

Class 1 was dominated by Henry Kitching, who was just short on index to topple Hoppe.

Class 2 saw a good win for Garry Preston in his troublesome Fiat and Class 3 was awarded to Dick Glossop after an enjoyable day in the Liege - especially when sliding around the speed test.

Special mention to Kev Roberts who would have won any prize for sideways (Hoonigan) driving on the speed test.....his new nickname. Kev Block

Overall, an enjoyable day. Thanks to the team for putting it on.

**Mark Hoppe**

### **Scorer's Snippets 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

After the aborted start to our championship year, it is pleasing to report that the rest of the championship is proceeding as planned. Woolbridge Motor Club did a fantastic job in re-arranging their Golden Springs event to just three weeks later after the snow postponement, and although a couple of entries (including me) weren't able to make the new date, most competitors gathered for an excellent day near Crewkerne. Falcon Motor Club, it must be pointed out, boasted a full 50 car entry for their Ivinghoe Trial in April – it's many a year since entries have been turned away from a Car Trial or PCT.

Coventry & Warwickshire MC resurrected the Long Compton site for the Warwickshire Trial (having lost Burton Dassett to DEFRA's new 'anti-motor sport stance) and the site appears to be virtually unchanged since our last visit. Both events at the May Welsh weekend had increased entries, and although the Wyre Forest organisers were looking at very meagre numbers until late in the day, eight entries appeared on the closing date and at least one more after it! Why do people enter so late – especially after what happened last year when the event was cancelled because of lack of entries? So unnecessary.

We're roughly half way through the championship and a few trends are emerging. Mark Hoppé has got his Melos working well this year, with four crested spoons to show for it. Barrie Parker sprung a surprise (well, not really, as he's good in anything) by trundling out a new Fiat 600 and beating everybody. Shawn

Franklin has upped his game in response and their battle will intensify as the season progresses, no doubt. Dick Glossop has hit the BTRDA ground running, after many years in the Cotswold Championship (twice winning it) in various Beetles and now in his immaculate Liege. John Charles is also doing well in his similar car. Neil Mackay and Garry Preston have class winning cars – if they can get them to the end of the event..... The Imp drivers have only been out a couple of times so far this year – they can't be being put off by the Melos can they? And I need to reduce my Historic Rallying, Solo, Road Rallying and organisational commitments and get out trialling more.

In the Silver Star<sup>®</sup> championship, Trevor Moffatt has a lead, but Kevin Roberts isn't too far behind, with Neil Mackay and Steve Courts hanging back for bets. It could be close with John Wadsworth and Dave Walker in the mix too.

In Bronze Star<sup>®</sup>, Dick Glossop has a fair lead, but John Charles isn't far behind. Ifan Roberts and Richard Harrison might have a hand in things yet too.

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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In my scribble for the last News I complained that we had the worst start to a trials year in living memory due to the wet weather, and I speculated that the Hagley Club's Geoff Taylor Trial at Church Stretton would be cancelled, which proved to be correct. The landowner told Pat Henson, who discovered the site, that he could not even cross it using his quad bike.

The last wet trial this spring was the JB Taylor at Crewkerne in Somerset, which was as well organised as we expect from the local Veale family, they attracted 29 entries, which is good given the relatively long distance to the event for most drivers. It was only by dint of Herculean efforts by the Veales during the week that it managed to run at all, the normal parking area was completely inaccessible, so another landowner was recruited to provide a field for the paddock, which necessitated a short cross country to access the trials site itself, a praiseworthy effort indeed.

Things improved rapidly after that, and we successfully ran six more BTRDA Championship Trials up to the summer break. Not only that but some managed to attract really decent levels of entries, which is very encouraging.

At a recent Committee meeting we had three intelligent points of view each of which had its

merits, and which make for an interesting debate on the future of our calendar. One driver wanted to cut the enormous BTRDA Championship calendar down to something similar to other sports, maybe around half the current number of events, citing the success of the carefully targeted Historic Sporting Trials calendar with only seven events, most of which are oversubscribed, compared to our 22, many of which struggle to break even. This was countered by a second point of view which preferred a large calendar, at which the driver concerned enjoys competing most weekends in the winter, rather than shopping or other domestic activities on a Sunday. A third view enjoys competing at a smaller number of carefully selected events, but likes having a very large calendar (and geographic spread) to select from, rather than having to do all the events in a small calendar. Personally I favour letting our clubs sort it out between themselves, so market forces determine which are the best events and which others fail to attract enough entries, but this debate will run and run no doubt.

This year the Northern Phoenix club ran the long established Two Day Trial (previously a fun event) as a double header Championship event, combining the previously postponed Jiggers Jug and Raymond Baxter Trials into a double header over the May Bank Holiday weekend, to which they attracted 24 starters each day. Barry Hogg was the surprise winner of the Jiggers, against formidable opposition, and Peter Fensom took the Baxter on zero points, a rare situation.

Josh Veale started a new club a little while ago, the Midland Trials Car Club, with the aim of restoring some of the classic trials of the past, in the mainly Midlands area. He put together the Spring Trial in mid May, which ran as a BTRDA Championship event at Long Compton, near Banbury, helped by his father and brothers. This was a superb event, but when he announced that there would be just 24 sections we had no idea what he had in store. Each section was at least twice as long as the average, and had a number of stopping points, yet the makers were set wide enough that hitting them was not likely,



**Colin Flashman & Neil Chapman Four Turning Trial**  
**Photo: Duncan Stephens**



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a masterclass in setting out. In spite of the dry weather beforehand the sections were really testing, it is hard to imagine a better trial, which fully deserved its huge entry of 32.

After the Lancs and Cheshire Club folded a couple of years ago the future of the long established Derbyshire Trial near Leek in the

Peak District seemed bleak, but Martin Grimwood was determined not to lose this historic event, even though he lives a long way away in North Yorkshire. He persuaded the Airedale and Pennine Club to take it on with his expert help, and, having re-named it the Pennine but using the same old unique Averillside Farm site it had run successfully since. This year they attracted 24 entries, which is just about enough to break even, and ran a good and enjoyable event.

At the other end of the scale Camel Vale MC ran a small Four Turnings Trial in Cornwall in May and attracted a high class field of just 10 cars, all of whom had an interesting and challenging day.

As for BTRDA results Ian Wright in his own design Sherpa Indy has dominated this year, he won every Championship event bar one (where he came second) that he competed in, an astonishing display of consistency, given the greatly varied weather and terrain we compete on, particularly this year. He also won the Gold Star Final in January just to show his mastery. Looking at the table on the following page I see that he was not alone in being consistent as eight drivers averaged better than 24 (out of 30) points over all the trials they competed in this year.

So, in summary we are managing to survive, and some trials are doing very well indeed, our training days are well supported and produce a few new recruits, our finances are in good shape, but a few of our clubs are struggling to keep promoting events, mainly due to lack of younger recruits to the organising team, but also due to marginal, or worse, finances caused by poor levels of entries. Our Championship is as keenly contested as ever, even though the numbers entering is getting smaller.

See you on the hills in the Autumn!

***Julian Fack***



**Four Turning Trial  
George & Victoria Watson (top)  
Roland Uglow & Beth Carroll (bottom)  
Photo: Duncan Stephens**

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## Top BTRDA Championship Positions after the Spring Trial

Independent Red Class													
Position	Driver	Class	Axle	Total	Best 10	Average	Events	JB Taylor	Pennine	Jigger's Jug	Raymond Baxter	Turnings Four	Spring Trial
1	Richard Sharp	Red	Indi	236	<b>236</b>	26.22	9	19	26	28	28	25	24
2	Stuart Beare	Red	Indi	208	<b>208</b>	26.00	8	28	27	26	29		20
3	George Watson	Red	Indi	183	<b>183</b>	22.88	8	21	19	24	23	27	19
4	Peter Fensom	Red	Indi	159	<b>159</b>	26.50	6	24	24	25	<b>30</b>	29	27
5	Ian Wright	Red	Indi	149	<b>149</b>	29.80	5	<b>30</b>	29				<b>30</b>
Independent Blue Class													
1	John Cole	Blue	Indi	165	<b>165</b>	20.63	8	20	18	22	22	23	14
2	Barry Hogg	Blue	Indi	76	<b>76</b>	25.33	3			<b>30</b>	19		
3	Nick Speed	Blue	Indi	65	<b>65</b>	21.67	3						18
4	Pat Henson	Blue	Indi	61	<b>61</b>	20.33	3		23				15
5	Alan Murton	Blue	Indi	58	<b>58</b>	19.33	3					21	16
Live Red Class													
1	Brian Thornton	Red	Live	117	<b>117</b>	29.25	4		<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	28		
2	Steve Courts	Red	Live	83	<b>83</b>	27.67	3		27				26
3	Josh Veale	Red	Live	30	<b>30</b>	30.00	1	<b>30</b>					
Live Blue Class													
1	Arthur Carroll	Blue	Live	114	<b>114</b>	28.50	4	29	28				28
2	Ross Bruce	Blue	Live	112	<b>112</b>	28.00	4	27					27
3	Alan Baker	Blue	Live	84	<b>84</b>	28.00	3			28	29		
4	Dave Hailes	Blue	Live	81	<b>81</b>	27.00	3	26					29
5	Dave Oliver	Blue	Live	25	<b>25</b>	25.00	1						25
Rookie Class													
1	Sam Beare	Rookie	Live	74	<b>74</b>	14.80	5	13	19				6
2	Mike Storrar	Rookie	Indi	54	<b>54</b>	13.50	4		13	16	18		7
3	Chris Hodgson	Rookie	Indi	41	<b>41</b>	20.50	2			18	23		
4	Phil Blagden	Rookie	Live	21	<b>21</b>	7.00	3	9					N
5	Neil Martin	Rookie	Live	17	<b>17</b>	8.50	2		12				5
All Live Axle Classes													
1	Sam Beare	Rookie	Live	135	<b>135</b>	27.00	5	28	29				24
2	Brian Thornton	Red	Live	117	<b>117</b>	29.25	4		<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	28		
3	Arthur Carroll	Blue	Live	114	<b>114</b>	28.50	4	29	28				28
4	Ross Bruce	Blue	Live	112	<b>112</b>	28.00	4	27					27
5	Alan Baker	Blue	Live	84	<b>84</b>	28.00	3			28	29		
All Driver Classes													
1	Richard Sharp	Red	Indi	233	<b>233</b>	25.89	9	17	26	28	28	25	23
2	Stuart Beare	Red	Indi	201	<b>201</b>	25.13	8	27	27	26	29		17
3	George Watson	Red	Indi	173	<b>173</b>	21.63	8	19	17	24	22	27	16
4	Peter Fensom	Red	Indi	157	<b>157</b>	26.17	6	22	24	25	<b>30</b>	29	27
5	Ian Wright	Red	Indi	149	<b>149</b>	29.80	5	<b>30</b>	29				<b>30</b>
6	John Cole	Blue	Indi	146	<b>146</b>	18.25	8	18	16	20	20	23	9
7	Jerome Fack	Red	Indi	117	<b>117</b>	23.40	5	20	18			<b>30</b>	24
8	Roland Uglow	Red	Indi	113	<b>113</b>	28.25	4	28	<b>30</b>			26	
9	Julian Fack	Red	Indi	102	<b>102</b>	25.50	4	26	25				28
10	John Fack	Red	Indi	95	<b>95</b>	23.75	4	24	21				22

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

All Competitors								
Position	Driver	Class	Axle	Total	Best 9	Average	Events	J B Taylor
								Pennine
1	Ian Wright	Red	Indi	59	<b>59</b>	14.75	4	15
2	Richard Sharp	Red	Indi	54	<b>54</b>	10.8	5	<b>2</b>
3	Stuart Beare	Red	Indi	54	<b>54</b>	10.8	5	12
4	Roland Uglow	Red	Indi	42	<b>42</b>	14	3	13
5	Julian Fack	Red	Indi	29	<b>29</b>	9.67	3	11
6	John Fack	Red	Indi	28	<b>28</b>	9.33	3	9
7	George Watson	Red	Indi	24	<b>24</b>	6	4	4
8	Boyd Webster	Red	Indi	23	<b>23</b>	11.5	2	
9	Jerome Fack	Red	Indi	18	<b>18</b>	6	3	5
10	Ross Bruce	Blue	Live	16	<b>16</b>	5.33	3	0
11	Peter Fensom	Red	Indi	16	<b>16</b>	8	2	7
12	Arthur Carroll	Blue	Live	16	<b>16</b>	5.33	3	8
13	Bryan Walker	Red	Indi	14	<b>14</b>	14	1	
14	Josh Veale	Red	Live	14	<b>14</b>	14	1	14
15	Pat Henson	Blue	Indi	14	<b>14</b>	7	2	
16	John Cole	Blue	Indi	14	<b>14</b>	3.5	4	3
17	Bob Packham	Blue	Live	13	<b>13</b>	13	1	
18	Nick Speed	Blue	Indi	12	<b>12</b>	6	2	
19	Sam Beare	Rookie	Live	12	<b>12</b>	3	4	0
20	Brian Thornton	Red	Live	12	<b>12</b>	6	2	
All Live Axle Classes								
1	Ross Bruce	Blue	Live	16	<b>16</b>	5.33	3	0
2	Arthur Carroll	Blue	Live	16	<b>16</b>	5.33	3	8
3	Josh Veale	Red	Live	14	<b>14</b>	14	1	14
4	Bob Packham	Blue	Live	13	<b>13</b>	13	1	
5	Sam Beare	Rookie	Live	12	<b>12</b>	3	4	0
6	Brian Thornton	Red	Live	12	<b>12</b>	6	2	
7	Steve Courts	Red	Live	11	<b>11</b>	5.5	2	
8	Phil Blagden	Rookie	Live	7	<b>7</b>	2.33	3	0
9	Alan Baker	Blue	Live	4	<b>4</b>	4	1	

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## **From The Hot Seat**

Here we are halfway through the season already and there has been plenty of excitement to date. The 2017 Champion, Richard Pinkney, has had a disastrous start to the season with major breakages to the newly re-built Caterham at all but the first round, which has cost him dear. Meanwhile Malcolm Livingston has proved that the Lindsay Special is now well on the pace, despite one breakage at Foxley, and Dave Evans really has the Blitz flying, resulting in 3 second overalls, which has helped him to currently lead the Gold Star Championship. However the man to beat is undoubtedly Dave Mosey in his immaculate new Mini Special, in which he has gained 3 FTDs in 3 outings, although the straight cut box only just survived the Wolverhampton event. Chris Chapman is the dark horse for overall honours now that a Mazda gearbox transplant to the Puma engined Striker appears to have solved the reliability issues.

In the Classes for the first time that I can remember there is a dearth of Minis with Dave Mosey moving out of the Class and Dave Fox experiencing a major engine issue at Silverstone (no not on the Hanger Straight, but at the Boundless by CSMA event, but fortunately Ash Slight's returned at Hartlepool so let's hope he does the rest of the season. The saloon car

class is dominated by Mark Thornton and Tom Coverdale, in his first full season, partly due to Warren Gillespie having major mechanical issues (Kelsey assures me that it has nothing to do with her!) which is why they lead the Silver and Bronze Stars respectively. With Richard Pinkney's issues have left the Sportscar class wide open with Ian Chapman taking advantage of others issues, whilst John Moffatt, Chris Chapman and Steve Morten battle amongst themselves and Willie Keaning comes quickly to terms with his change to the Striker. In the Specials, as with Gold Star, Dave Evans' consistency has paid dividends whilst Malcolm Livingston and Dave Mosey continue to challenge each other.

As I stated in the Spring News our Championship numbers are down this year, 39 registrations but entries in the early 20s for most events, mainly due to the Club events, which makes the step up to National level a steep one, and the fact that you need to be able to build your own car as it is nigh impossible to buy an Autotest car "off the shelf". With the aim to try and bridge these gaps the Autotest Committee are considering the introduction of a "Roadgoing" Kit Car Class for 2019 to complement the "Roadgoing" Class. The theory being that these should be more competitive

than the Roadgoing Series Production Cars and the owners will have the mechanical knowledge to "move on" into the main Classes if they get the bug. The downside is that it adds another award for the event organisers, but hopefully it will be offset by an increase in entries.

Finally I would remind any latecomers that there is an award within the Bronze Star for the Competitor who does not



**Dave Mosey at Hagley & District's Round 5**  
**Photo: Ray McGough CRS Photosport**

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qualify at the end of the year, but has the best 4 scores having only competed in 4/5 events. Also don't forget that the Committee are always looking at new events that could be added to our Championship Calendar, so if you have any thoughts let us know. These will need to be

observed before inclusion to ensure that they meet the currently very high standard reached by our organising Clubs, but we are always willing to give assistance if needed.

**Steve Layton**

### **From the Pits**

It's approaching the longest day and mid-summer and appropriately the Autotest and AutoSOLO championships are at or approaching their mid event periods – Autotests 5 out of 11 and AutoSOLO 5 out of 12 for Group A and 6 out of 12 for Group B. And do any of the results tables look like predicting an overall winner at the end of the season? Let's look first at the Autotest Gold Star leader board which shows:

1.	Dave Evans	83
2.	Dave Mosey	77
3.	Malcolm Livingston	75
4.	Ian Chapman	73
5.	John Moffatt	66

But then my thoughts turn to the Sporting Trials brigade who not only have the total points but a points per event listed. On the points per event basis the Autotest table would look like – average score (no. of events):

1.	Alastair Moffatt	19.5 (2)
2.	Dave Mosey	19.3 (4)
3.	Malcolm Livingston	18.8 (4)
4.	Dave Evans	16.6 (5)
5.	John Moffatt	16.5 (4)

So which table is the one to follow as an indicator of the Gold Star winner? With only 6 available scores left and the best 7 to count Alastair will really have to go well for the rest of the year. Mr second place man of 2017, Dave Mosey, is the one with the second best score in each but with the aid of the blue mini special Dave may be the one who heads the 2018 table. I'll stick my neck out for Dave M to be the one to put your pennies on down at the local Ladbrokes (other betting shops are available...).

The class positions also show how close things are with none of the major players in the car classes having a perfect score so far and leading their class. This does exclude Dave Mosey but then he has scored both in the mini saloon car class (1 win) and specials class (3 wins). There are odd few with a single or couple of 10's and maybe there could be a second half spurt from some of the 31 points scorers. It's certainly all up for grabs as far as the 2018 awards are concerned.

Bronze Star could also be interesting this year in predicting who is going to be the winner with youngster Tom Coverdale in his 1800 Nova leading the, shall we say more mature, Helen Perren in her Retrotester special at the moment. Both the Nova and the Retrotester are in super competitive classes and it will never be easy for Tom or Helen to get high scores.

AutoSOLOs have seen a boost in championship entries this year with no less than 37 entrants. Is this the change to a regionalised scoring system and a grand combined final event or to the reduced championship entry fee of £5? I expect we will have to do another SurveyMonkey at the end of the year to find out! Having been to quite a few events this year the standard of events is still evolving in the way of classes, layout of tests, penalties and how the results are presented. I have yet to do an event where all times count and I do prefer the system where it is your 2 best scores from 3 runs which count. One of the comments from last year's SurveyMonkey was having the dropped score system meant drivers were driving with reckless abandon knowing they could lose the time. Certainly, haven't seen that occurring at the events I have been to but then we all have our

The logo for 'demon tweeks' is displayed in a stylized, bold, red font with a yellow outline and a slight shadow effect, giving it a three-dimensional appearance. The text is set against a white background.



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own opinions. Now, I really dislike being beaten by white MX5's, ok to be beaten by blue or red ones but white ones ..... We have had one cancelled event this season due to the increase in venue costs and I can see this being a foretaste of the future, both for Autotests and AutoSOLOs. Many circuit owners seem to think that all motorsport competitors and organising clubs are all super rich and have been hiking their fees up over the years and have priced more than one club out of running events. One local event has also been cancelled with the

military deciding they want to use the bit of tarmac for training on the day of the event and this will become more prevalent as overseas bases are closed and the troops relocated to the UK. What is the answer? Please send your replies on a post card (shows how old fashioned I am!).

Happy Autotesting and AutoSOLOing during the sunny summer months,

**Peter Cox**

### **Championship Positions after Round 5**

<b>Gold Star</b>			
1	Dave Evans	Blitz Special 2000	83
2	Dave Mosey	Mini Special 1430	77
3	Malcolm Livingston	Lindsay Special 1600	75
4	Ian Chapman	Riot 1700	73
5	John Moffatt	Westfield Seven 1800	66
6	Chris Chapman	Striker 1700	64
7	Steve Morten	Striker 1800	62
8	Willie Keaning	Striker 1800	60
9	Stuart Perren	Retrotester 1590	45
10	Richard Pinkney	Caterham 7 1600	43
<b>Silver Star</b>			
1	Mark Thornton	Nova 1600	37
2	Stuart Perren	Retrotester 1590	28
3	Tom Coverdale	Nova 1800	23
4	Helen Perren	Retrotester 1590	20
5	Jack Palmer	Nova 1400	16
<b>Bronze Star</b>			
1	Tom Coverdale	Nova 1800	23
2	Helen Perren	Retrotester 1590	20
3	Bill Bourne	Striker 1600	12
4	John Waller	Striker 1700	12
5	Steven Haigh	Westfield 1700	9
<b>CLASS A</b>			
1	Dave Fox	Mini 1600	19
2	Dave Mosey	Mini 1430	10
3	Ashley Slights	Mini 1380	10
<b>CLASS B</b>			
1	Mark Thornton	Nova 1600	39
2	Tom Coverdale	Nova 1800	25
3	Warren Gillespie	Nova 1600	20
4	Jack Palmer	Nova 1400	16
5	Stephen Palmer	Nova 1400	13

<b>CLASS C</b>			
1	Ian Chapman	Riot 1700	38
2	John Moffatt	Westfield Seven 1800	37
3	Chris Chapman	Striker 1700	36
4	Steve Morten	Striker 1800	33
5	Willie Keaning	Striker 1800	32
<b>CLASS D</b>			
1	Dave Evans	Blitz 2000	42
2	Malcolm Livingston	Lindsay Special 1600	35
3	Dave Mosey	Mini Special 1430	30
4	Stuart Perren	Retrotester 1590	28
5	Duncan Wild	ABS Special 1380	20
<b>CLASS E</b>			
1	Elis Matthews	Nova 1397	10
2	Mike Biss	Mazda MX5 1840	10
<b>CLASS H</b>			
1	Jack Palmer	Nova 1400	20
2	Elis Matthews	Nova 1397	9
<b>CLASS J</b>			
1	Dave Evans	Blitz Special 2000	94
2	Ian Chapman	Riot 1700	89
3	Malcolm Livingston	Lindsay Special 1600	78
4	Steve Morten	Striker 1800	74
5	Stuart Perren	Retrotester 1590	65
<b>CLASS L</b>			
1	Helen Perren	Retrotester 1590	40
2	Steph Carey	Westfield Seven 1800	9
3	Kelsey Gillespie	Nova 1600	9

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## **Going Solo**

The re-vamped AutoSOLO Championship is proving to be a great success so far with 32 of the 37 registered contenders having competed in the 10 rounds run so far and several have competed in both on the Groups. So far Alan Wakeman (Micra) and Liam Rollins (Mini) are the main protagonists in Class A, whilst in Class B Mark Summers (Puma), Richard Mortimer (BMW Mini) and Philip Turner (Puma) are fighting for supremacy. Lauren Crook is the only scorer in Class C so far and Neil Jones (MX5), Oliver Jenkins (MX5) are neck and neck in Class D, but hotly pursued by Jim Bryant (MX5) and Howard Morris (MX5). Luke Dale remains the only competitor in Class E driving the interesting MX5 based Mev Exocet.

The new format really means that the overall placings will not be decided until the Final in November at Curborough, but as announced in the last copy of the News, with the support of

Demon Tweeks, we will be able to give extra awards based on the overall standings prior to that event. Both of these facts mean that there is still plenty of time for competitors to amass their scores.

Most of our organising Clubs have now run their first Championship round, but we were sad to learn that Loughborough have been forced to cancel their excellent event due to venue issues. Venues are becoming a major issue for Clubs wishing to run both AutoSOLOs and even more particularly Autotests, mainly due to noise issues or the high rental costs, so be prepared for a potential increase in entry fees in 2019.



**Phil Turner at Farnborough &  
District's Autosolo**  
Photo: Peter Cox



**Emma Olsen at  
Farnborough & District's  
Autosolo**  
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## Provisional Scores to 9<sup>th</sup> June 2018

				Group A			Group B		
				no. events	Best 7 Scores	Pos. Class	no. events	Best 7 Scores	Pos. Class
<b>CLASS A</b>	U25	Car	CC						
Liam Rollings		Austin Mini	1310	4	40	1	4	40	2
Alan Wakeman		Nissan Micra	1300	2	17	2	5	46	1
Andy Williams		Nissan Micra	998	2	16	3			
James Williams	Y	Nissan Micra	998	2	16	3			
Jamie Yapp		Vauxhall Nova SR	1297	1	9	5			
Scott MacMahon	Y	Nissan Micra	1348	2	9	5			
Richard Yapp		Vauxhall Nova SR	1297	1	8	7			
Lee Mathews		Vauxhall Nova	1398	1	5	8			
Elis Mathews	Y	Vauxhall Nova	1398	1	3	9			
Richard Pain		Fiat 500	1250	1	1	10			
Miranda Wakeman	Y	Nissan Micra	1300				2	17	3
<b>CLASS B</b>									
Ian Williams		Renault Clio	1998	4	34	1	1	9	8
Jamie Foster		Proton Satria	1800	2	17	2			
Nick Pollitt		Susuki Swift Sport	1596	2	14	3	1	6	11
Mark Summers		Ford Puma	1700	2	13	4	3	12	7
Philip Turner		Ford Puma	1700	2	11	5	4	29	2
Jamie Yapp		Renault Clio 172 Cup	1998	1	10	6	2	20	4
Paul Price		Renault Clio	1998	2	9	7			
Richard Mortimer		BMW Mini	1598	1	8	8	4	30	1
Richard Olsen		MGZR	1800	1	7	9	3	23	3
Richard Yapp		Renault Clio 172 Cup	1998	1	6	10	2	13	6
David Graves		Sport Ka	1599	1	6	10			
Emma Olsen		MGZR	1800	1	3	12	3	15	5
Steve Conner		Ford Puma					1	9	8
Ramesh Ragunathan		Mazda RX-8	1300				1	8	10
<b>CLASS C</b>									
Lauren Crook		Saab 9-3	1985	2	14	1			
<b>CLASS D</b>									
Neil Jones		Mazda MX5	1840	4	38	1	1	10	6
Howard Morris		Mazda MX5	1840	4	27	2	1	7	7
Jim Bryant		Mazda MX5	1840	2	20	3	3	27	2
Steve Conner		Mazda MX5 Eunos	1839	2	17	4	3	21	4
Oliver Jenkins		Mazda MX5	1600	1	9	5	4	37	1
Alexander Smith		Mazda MX5	1800	1	6	6	2	14	5
Peter Cox		Honda S2000	2000	1	4	7	5	26	3
David Sellick		MG F	1796	1	3	8	1	3	8
<b>CLASS E</b>									
Luke Dale		Mev Exocet	1800				3	27	1
<b>Combined</b>									
Jamie Yapp				2	19				
Richard Yapp				2	14				
Steve Conner							4	30	

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### Luke Constantine BTRDA round up after Round 1

On the 25<sup>th</sup> March me and the team ventured to Blyton in Lincolnshire for round 1 of the 2018 Toyo Tires BTRDA rallycross championship and also my first race in the championship, it was looking like an exciting day ahead with a large entry and some very stiff competition! After 3 successful qualifying heats learning my car and the track I was ecstatic to line up on pole position for my first BTRDA RX final after taking win in Q3!

After making a good start from the front row of the grid I managed to hold the lead in turn 1 defending hard from the challenge of Morgan Wroot and my cousin James. As the race went on I held my lead but I couldn't shake off Morgan who was hot in pursuit behind me! Finally on lap 4 while navigating my way around the tight right hand hairpin off the loose I made a small mistake allowing Morgan to pass but I then retook the lead going onto the Jump! This is

how the race unfolded with a very close race and lots of overtaking between us two with me finally coming out on top to score my maiden victory in the BTRDA clubmans championship! This was like a dream come true to me and our team after me having very little time in the car and minimal racing experience it really wasn't what we expected of our first year in Junior RX. I am now looking forward to rounds 2 and 3 the double header weekend at Pembrey in May where we will race on a brand new circuit which should hopefully level the playing field a bit meaning the more experienced drivers won't have as much as an advantage! I'd like to give special thanks to all my sponsors, the team who make a great job of running my car, and of course the BTRDA! Thanks guys see you at Pembrey!

**Luke Constantine**

107 Junior Rallycross Category

### Pembrey Circuit Rounds 2 & 3 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> May

The first BTRDA Clubman's Rallycross Championship Pembrey double header of the year, plus more BTRDA CRX 'firsts', all of which set us up for an interesting weekend and coming year.

- A Junior Rallycross driver leading the Overall Championship – congratulations Luke Constantine.
- 6 lady drivers on the entry list in 4 of our 6 categories.
- A family podium lockout courtesy of our 3 Constantine drivers.

Competitors sampled the Welsh circuits new layout for the first time. The track was run in both directions across the 2 days. The venue has been adapted to move the Rallycross circuit to be much more spectator friendly, the majority of the circuit can now be seen from one raised bank which appeared to go down very well with spectators. Driver and paddock feedback seemed to favour the Sunday clockwise track.

### AS Performance SuperModified Category

Ford KA driver Tony Lynch and Vauxhall Nova driver Pat Ryan took a win each in the SuperModified category. On Saturday Ryan had to again fight back via the B final and grab a 3<sup>rd</sup> place podium finish after enduring throttle potentiometer problems during qualifying heats. On Sunday he simply beat Tony into 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Fred Ling was looking promising on Saturday and with the departure of John Cross on Saturday evening Fred's chances of a better position on Sunday shot up, Fred kept his eye on the prize and grabbed a 3<sup>rd</sup> place podium finish on Sunday.



**Andy Grant Clubman 4x4 at Pembrey**

Photo: Trevor Coulson





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### Mel Williams Tyres Production Category

Thomasz Chojnacki had a very closely fought A final on Saturday which he won, he was chased throughout by Eddie Gibbs (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Keith Kerrshaawe (3<sup>rd</sup>), Keith qualified on pole but after the start was a far back as 8<sup>th</sup>. Sunday saw Andrew Smith winning the A final in his Renault Clio, passing Luke Mason to do so who took 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Luke having a much better day than he did on Saturday. Dale Ford had a very good race taking 3<sup>rd</sup> place on the podium.

### HT Installations Junior Rallycross Category

Newcomer Luke Constantine twice beat elder brother Tom and took the Overall Championship lead at the same time. Determined to stop the Constantine podium lockout Morgan Wroot completed Saturdays podium but was not able to quite repeat that performance so Sunday and came in 4<sup>th</sup> which then saw the Constantine family lock out the podium with cousin James completing the top 3.

### Steve Gaunt Trailers Classic Category

Ryan Taylor gladly took a maiden victory in the Classic Category on Saturday beating Richard Todd and seasoned CRX driver Ryan Stutchbury. Taylor wasn't quite so fortunate on Sunday and was passed by Ryan Stutchbury to take the win. SuperMod regular Todd Crooks

took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in his trusty Mini Clubman having suffered oil seal problems on the Saturday. Category leader Shaun Buckley with his reliable Mk2 Escort bowed out of the weekend early on Saturday with a blown engine.

### Albateg Racing Production 4x4 Category

Mike & Liam Manning kept themselves busy at the weekend by entering different Imprezas in both 4x4 Categories. Paul Davis took the Saturday win and Mike Manning took Sundays. Dan Beattie took 2<sup>nd</sup> place on both days. Young Ross Connolly was pleased to get a 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish on Sunday after a mechanically frustrating day on Saturday saw him not even make it to the final race grid.

### RaceBredAuctions Clubman 4x4 Category

The smile on Andy Grants face on Sunday evening told all who saw it that he was very pleased to simply dominate the Club 4x4 category with a win on each day. Liam Manning took a credible 2<sup>nd</sup> place on Saturday in his first Clubman 4x4 final with Nigel Burke taking 3<sup>rd</sup>. Roger Thomas entered for the Sunday only choosing to play a supporting role to son Archie who entered his first ever rallycross in the Junior category. Roger took 2<sup>nd</sup> with Mike Manning taking 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Happy 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Bill

As Bill's birthday fell on the Friday before Pembrey he thought that he would celebrate his birthday Rallycross style by not getting old quietly and celebrating in the bar on the Saturday evening. Alcohol was naturally involved, oh yes and a cake as well, suitably decaled up for the occasion. Thanks to the many for his birthday wishes and to Sue and Mike for an appropriate present "modelled" in the photo.



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### Blyton Park Driving Centre Round 4

Round 4 arrived at Blyton Park on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June, the evening before saw threatening dark clouds also arrive swiftly followed by an absolute downpour forcing all those who were still setting up to take shelter. Sunday was much better and it stayed mostly bright so with only 1 non-starter there was a 50-car starting entry.

Those who have read the Pembrey double header report will know that Luke Constantine in the Junior Rallycross Category had grabbed the lead of the Overall Championship (120 pts), followed by Tony Lynch (117 pts), Ryan Taylor (114 pts) and Pat Ryan (112 pts). A quick glance at the current Championship table will show you that the top 3 positions remain the same, as do their points gaps with Pat Ryan in 4<sup>th</sup> just losing out very slightly.

#### AS Performance SuperModified Category

Tony Lynch qualified on pole with Pat Ryan alongside running side by side into the first corner, however Ryan had a half spin demoting him to 3rd place. He worked his way back up to 2nd place but with a screen covered in the loose kicked up by Tony, he lost touch and those precious few points. Mark Jones finished 3rd having a great battle with Fred Ling and Nick Angrave. David Brown and Peter Wharton were 6th and 7th finishers after progressing from the B final, Mike Dresser was a non-starter after technical problems on the dummy grid.

#### HT Installations Junior Rallycross Category

During the heats Morgan Wroot, Luke Constantine and brother Tom all shared the heat wins with some extremely close racing. Luke qualified on pole thanks to putting in a 2<sup>nd</sup> fastest time in another set of heats and he secured a lights to flag victory despite cousin Tom getting alongside a few times, it was a close race with a close finish. Morgan Wroot, in 3<sup>rd</sup> place was closing in as the flag loomed as the front 2 were



Marc Jones, Rob Scott, Tony Lynch at Blyton  
Photo: Trevor Coulson

holding each other up. That result keeps Luke at the top of the Overall table.

#### Albatec Racing Production 4x4 Category

Dan Beattie had a very good day and qualified on pole. He lead off the line but was chased hard by Paul Davis and Tracey Bennett. Dan and Paul had a great, close battle for 2 laps swapping places until Davis got past going side by side over the jump, Dan making a mistake hitting the cut-off switch, thus losing power. At the flag Davis won by 12 seconds from Beattie and Bennett who is gaining in confidence with each Rallycross done. Rally man Garry Salmon in his first ever rallycross was a non-starter in the final after a somewhat self-inflicted close encounter with a tyre wall in the 3<sup>rd</sup> heats, it broke his suspension, so much so in a picture taken by Trevor Coulson (on Facebook) there is a perfect impression of his wheel on the tyre wall courtesy of the chalk dust. Undeterred he does however promise that he will be out at Croft in a newly built SuperModified Astra.

#### Steve Gaunt Trailers Classic Category

Ryan Stutchbury and Shaun Buckley, 2 seasoned CRX drivers took a heat win each with new guy Ryan Taylor taking the other win. Total heat points went Taylors way meaning that he started on pole and promptly had a great battle with Shaun Buckley for the whole 5 laps. There was something of a gap to 3<sup>rd</sup> place where Stutchbury and Dave Ewin ran very close for the



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whole 5 race, Stutchbury holding 3<sup>rd</sup>. It was great to see Classic Minis on the entry list with Richard Wakeling returning to Rallycross and proving to all that he is still perfectly capable of winning the B final. That race saw Championship drivers Ian Clark and Craig Truelove settle their battle which went the way of Clark.

### Mel Williams Tyres Production Category

The Production category formed the largest part of the whole entry with Luke Mason taking pole for the A final with Andrew Smith next to him. The first start was red-flagged as Tomasz Chojnacki spun and had contact with another car at the first corner. On the re-start Andrew Smith - top 2000cc driver stalled and wouldn't re-start, Tomasz was also not able to take the restart. But as the lights went out Luke Mason was out in front and just never looked back. Behind Luke for 2/3 laps there was very close

racing between Jarek Suchweiski, Keith Kerrshaawe and Dale Ford including 3 abreast over the jump. Dale retired with damage on lap 2, Keith and Jarek dropped back meaning Sue Lane finished 2nd, and Daniel Flitcroft 3rd. Keith was subsequently penalised 10 seconds for track limits making him the 5th finisher.

Tony Chrisp (Ford KA) unfortunately almost lived up to his surname. He had been beset with running issues during the day and thanks must go to an eagle-eyed marshal who called ahead to say that the car was on fire, between Tony and the paddock marshals they were able to contain it quickly. After a check over by the doctor Tony was fit for his journey home and the repair work ahead of course.

Thanks must also go to Clerk of the Course Rod Stanniland and his team, they were all kept very busy gauging when watering should take place in order to keep the dust to a minimum as well

as the work done over the lunch time to regrade the loose. It's also fair to say that Duncan Longmate on the fork lift was also kept well occupied all weekend.

On to the next Pembrey double header on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> July where we are of course joined by our

**RaceBredAuctions Clubman 4x4 Category** drivers, the entry window is now open with registrations already received. We then take a break and return in September for the final 3 rounds.



Luke Mason Production 16V at Blyton  
Photo: Trevor Coulson

### BTRDA News Snippetts

BTRDA Rallycross gets interest from the Isle of Man, as the Tunney family and also Will Heavey are all looking to join the championship in 2019. The Tunney's who are heavily involved in Rallying are looking to rallycross Rwd BMW's in 2019 and Will Heavey is hoping to join the Production 4x4 category in a Mitsubishi Lance Evo 4.

Interest is strong for the return of the BTRDA Championship to Lydden Hill on September the

8<sup>th</sup> and this event will see a maximum capacity placed on each category to ensure all heats and finals can be fitted into the time limited. Entry forms will be available mid-July and drivers are asked to enter ASAP to avoid disappointment.

With the renewal of our title sponsorship with the Autosport International again in 2018, this once again confirms that the BTRDA RX Championship will be present with a static



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display on the Saturday and Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

The new Rallycross Circuit at Silverstone has so far played host to the first round of the British Rallycross Championship as well as the WRX event and it is still hoped that the BTRDA will have at least 1 round in 2019.

Former production driver Martin Rodgers currently has his Hyundai Coupe up for sale and is busy building his new Ford Fiesta MK7 SuperModified car which he hopes to debut in 2019.

2012 BTRDA Champion Gary Cook is busy working hard on his new Ford Fiesta MK6

SuperModified car which he hopes to make its debut towards the end of the 2018 season, before a full campaign in 2019.

Top Welsh rallycross driver Mike Manning will be making his debut in a new Supercar in 2018, when he moves away from the faithful Ford Puma to a brand new Ford Fiesta MK7. The car should make its debut at Pembrey on July 14/15<sup>th</sup>.

Prime Motorsport and their driver Danny Prime will make his debut in Rallycross during the 2018 season driving a SuperModified Toyota Starlet EP91. The car will hopefully make its debut at the Pembrey July 14/15 event.

### Coventry Motofest 2018

The first weekend of June saw the club in Coventry for the annual Motofest. The feel of the event was slightly different this year, with Coventry hosting the first speed motorsport event on closed public roads since the change in law in 2017. Representing the BTRDA Rallycross Championship in the competitive side of the event was Rob Scott in his self-built Porsche Boxster who competed on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June finishing 7<sup>th</sup> in the Sports Libre 1701cc & over class – well done Rob. In between his two-timed runs, he joined fellow competitors; Joe Meskauskas (Production Citroen C2), Shayne Dutton (VW Golf Mk2), David Ewin (Ford Fiesta), Todd Crooks (16V Classic Mini Clubman) and Jordine Wadge (Citroen C2) on the static display stand. Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June saw

BTRDA competitor Ian Clark compete in the Sprint in his classic mini, finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Modified Series Production Cars up to 1400cc class, and demonstrating perfectly the diversity across the different championship classes when compared to Saturday competitor, Rob. Those on the stand had a busy weekend discussing the sport with old competitors, potentially new spectators and drivers, MSA officials and video game developers. Overall, a great weekend was had by all involved, with crowds in their thousands enjoying the variety of cars on display and on track, and we hope to be involved in the same (or perhaps bigger) capacity in 2019.

*Jordine Wadge*



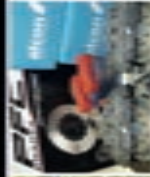




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### Results after round 4

BTRDA Championship Overall		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Luke Constantine	160
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tony Lynch	157
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ryan Taylor	154
4 <sup>th</sup>	Pat Ryan	149



**BTRDA Supermodified Category**



**BTRDA Production Category**

Overall		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Tony Lynch	157
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pat Ryan	149
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Marc Jones	140
4 <sup>th</sup>	Fred Ling	125
5 <sup>th</sup>	Nick Angrave	116

BTRDA Production Championship Overall		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Keith Kerrshaawe	134
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Andrew Smith	133
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dale Ford	119
4 <sup>th</sup>	Eddie Gibbs	110
5 <sup>th</sup>	Nathan Jones	106

1601 to 2100cc		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Pat Ryan	132
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fred Ling	118
3 <sup>rd</sup>	David Brown	84

Production 1600 8V		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Trevor Beavan	129
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tony Chrisp	61
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Steve Hickey	60

Over 2101cc		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Tony Lynch	160
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Marc Jones	148
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nick Angrave	130

Production 1600 16V		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Keith Kerrshaawe	147
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dale Ford	133
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Krzysztof Kozon	117

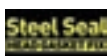
SuperModified BMW Mini		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Leigh-Anne Sedgewick	33

Production 1601 to 2000		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Andrew Smith	142
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nathan Jones	127
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Peter Hamlett	123

**TV Coverage**

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



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### BTRDA Classic Category

Overall		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ryan Taylor	154
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ryan Stutchbury	141
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Richard Todd	134
4 <sup>th</sup>	Dave Ewin	101
5 <sup>th</sup>	Shaun Buckley	77

Classic Supermodified		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ryan Stutchbury	124
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dave Ewin	88
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Shaun Buckley	66

Classic Modified		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ryan Taylor	132
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Richard Todd	120
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Leigh Marsh	54
=	Mark Finch	54

Classic Mini		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ian Clark	73
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Craig Truelove	67



### Production 4 x 4 Category

1 <sup>st</sup>	Paul Davis	138
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dan Beattie	137
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tracey Bennett	120



### Clubman 4 x 4 Category

1 <sup>st</sup>	Andy Grant	80
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nigel Burke	68



### Junior Rallycross

1 <sup>st</sup>	Luke Constantine	160
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tom Constantine	144
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Morgan Wroot	140



**Luke Constantine  
at Pembrey**

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

## **ALLROUNDERS HALFWAY ROUND**

This issue of NEWS signals the halfway of our Championships, although there are still the majority of events yet to take place in our calendar of SERIOUS FUN yet to follow.

So what have our contenders been doing so far. I start with those who have crossed over the seas in pursuit of their hobby. Richard and Pat Egger in the venerable Nova crossed the Irish Sea for the Manx Asphalt rally. They finished and gained useful points in our championship. Then it was a trip over the English Channel for another crack at the Belgium Rally Van Wervik. Again a good class finish and good points, despite something of a puncture (understatement, I've seen the pic), fortunately near the end of a stage. A different adventure competing abroad with like-minded motorsport people.

Our current leading points scorer in the under 25 group is Luke Constantine in a Suzuki Swift. After three rounds of the Rallycross Championship he is joint leader with Tony Linch (Ford KA). This coming Sunday the rallycrossers will descend on Blyton for Round 4.

This year to date there are unusually no Allrounders scorers in either the Forest Rally championship or the Sporting Trials championship. Time will tell - there are certainly

a couple of sporting trials cars out there and maybe a Forest rally car or two!!!

So who is the one to chase this year? Current scores are in this News and on our Web site.

You will see that Jamie Yapp is leading and already qualified from Rallycross, Speed and AutoSOLO groups from his dad Richard also qualified in second place with scores from Autotest, Speed and AutoSOLO Groups. Alan Wakeman is just in front of the ever busy John Wadsworth to lead the group on five events, all needing one more event to qualify. Another group on four events need to organise their calendars while there are still so many events to go. Those interested in the Speed Group can find appropriate National B and A events within the pages of the MSA website, remembering always that only two Speed Group events can be counted. There are often two separate B events at venues on consecutive days.

All to play for and lots of events to have a go at for those valuable points.

This year we have an encouraging 36 registered for Allrounders with an increasing number under 25, mainly from Rallycross who we would like to see progress into other disciplines as opportunities arise. 31 contenders have scored points so far,

Within Motorsport, whether you're competing or not, Clubs need Officials and this year I have been Club Steward at 2 Rallycross, 2 Sporting Trials (one Historic and one Modern), marshalled on a Car trial and an Autotest and assisted/helped mates with race cars at Prescott, Shelsley and Loton. It's an excellent way to see more of the action and put a bit back, and volunteers will never be turned away. When possible try to give assistance to clubs in



**Richard & Pat Egger Friday Night on the Manx National Rally**



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some way as you are then helping them to run events for other likeminded people such as yourself.

In the coming weeks we look forward to more of you attaining the six events required to qualify for the end of year awards, with a reminder you that all qualifiers receive an award. Whilst urging you not to leave it too late there are numerous combinations of events to make up the six required into September, October and even November.

Hope to see you at some of the events later this year and that you do well.

Whatever the weather, enjoy your motorsport,

**Phil D**



**Fred Ling at Blyton**

**Photo: Trevor Coulson**

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### Provisional Overall Scores to 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018

Name	Score	Grp	Score	Grp	Score	Grp	Score	Grp	Score	Grp	Score	Grp	TOTAL
Jamie Yapp	13.75	E	17.78	G	16.00	G	17.78	H	18.00	H	17.14	H	100.45
Richard Yapp	6.67	A	11.11	G	12.00	G	15.00	H	11.11	H	10.00	H	65.89
Alan Wakeman	7.27	B	16.00	G	13.33	H	15.00	H	10.00	H			61.60
John Wadsworth	10.00	B	10.00	B	7.50	B	14.84	G	18.10	G			60.44
Liam Rollings	10.00	A	18.33	H	15.00	H	15.00	H					58.33
Jim Bryant	17.78	H	17.50	H	18.18	H							53.46
Luke Constantine <sup>u</sup>	17.78	E	17.78	E	17.78	E							53.34
Dave Evans	8.57	A	14.29	A	15.00	A	6.67	B					44.53
Nick Pollitt	12.73	B	5.00	B	10.00	G	10.00	H	5.71	H			43.44
Fred Ling <sup>u</sup>	5.00	E	12.00	E	12.00	E	14.29	G					43.29
Tom Constantine <sup>u</sup>	11.11	E	15.56	E	15.56	E							42.23
John Fox	13.33	G	10.00	H	17.14	H							40.47
Morgan Wroot <sup>u</sup>	15.56	E	13.33	E	11.11	E							40.00
James Constantine <sup>u</sup>	13.33	E	11.11	E	13.33	E							37.77
Alastair Moffatt	14.29	A	17.14	A									31.43
Lee Mathews	6.67	A	13.33	B	10.00	H							30.00
Dave Walker	7.50	B	8.89	B	13.33	B							29.72
Bill Bourne	4.44	A	5.00	A	2.22	A	8.00	H					19.66
Duncan Wild	5.71	A	2.50	A	10.00	A							18.21
Pat Egger	5.00	D*	12.50	D*									17.50
Richard Egger	5.00	D	12.50	D									17.50
Elis Mathews <sup>u</sup>	10.00	A	6.67	H									16.67
Todd Crooks <sup>u</sup>	4.00	E	12.00	E									16.00
Miranda Wakeman <sup>u</sup>	5.00	H	10.00	H									15.00
Amy Baines <sup>u</sup>	6.67	E	2.22	E	4.44	E							13.33
Paul Johnson	13.33	E											13.33
Andrew Williams	13.33	H											13.33
James Williams <sup>u</sup>	11.67	H											11.67
Archie Thomas <sup>u</sup>	4.44	E	6.67	E									11.11
Jordine Wadge <sup>u</sup>	3.09	E	6.15	E									9.24
Richard Pain	3.33	H											3.33

**Amy Baines at Blyton**

**Photo: Trevor Coulson**



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 blue italics indicates one car*  
<sup>u</sup> Indicates Under 25 score



# BTRDA® 2018 Championship Events

July 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*

		Autotest	AutoSOLO	Car Trials	Rallycross	Rally – Asphalt	Rally - Forest	Sporting Trials
July	1							
	7							
	8	Alwoodley MC						
	14							
	15				Pembrey Pembrey		Nicky Grist Stages Incl. MSA English Builth Wells	
	21	South of Scotland MC		Cymru Abergele		Down Rally		
	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						



# BTRDA® 2018 Championship Events

July 2018

	Autotest	AutoSOLO	Car Trials	Rallycross	Rally – Asphalt	Rally - Forest	Sporting Trials
Sep	1					Woodpecker Stages	
	2	Loughborough CC	Ernest Owen Memorial Burton upon Trent			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						Peter Fear MSA
	29					Trackrod Forest Stages	
	30					Incl. MSA English	
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			Croft Circuit	Cheviot Stages Rally		
	28						



# BTRDA® 2018 Championship Events

July 2018

	Autotest	AutoSOLO	Car Trials	Rallycross	Rally – Asphalt	Rally - Forest	Sporting Trials
Nov	3						
	4	Knutsford MC					Tulleys Farm MSA Nominated 2018
	10					Wydean MSA English only	Roy Fedden MSA
	11						
	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

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**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**

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### The Patricia Baldwin Trophy

**Not awarded**

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

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**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**

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## ***AutoSolo Championship***

**Jamie Yapp**



**Alan Wakeman**

**Farnborough & District's AutoSolo**

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