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**BTRDA Rallycross  
Gold Star Champion 2018  
Luke Constantine  
Photo: Trevor Coulson**



## President's Notes December 2018

12 months ago, I announced in this column that David Richards was to take over as the Chair of the MSA Board and I would be joining the Board as well. It has been a thoroughly interesting and exciting year. Most of you will know by now that, on November 12th, we re-launched the Company with a new title - Motorsport UK. This marks an ambitious new phase for motorsport in the UK. It represents a fundamental change to refocus from pure governance and legislation to one that promotes all our Sports and then adds customer service for members at the top of the agenda. I am extremely pleased to see a particular focus on all grass roots motorsport and an ambition to remove some layers of unnecessary bureaucracy that has grown up over the years. It will take some time but I am certain that we shall see the start of the difference in the next 12 months.

Heading up the new era for Motorsport UK will be Hugh Chambers who joined the Company on November 1st. His CV is very impressive having been at the top end of motorsport, as well as being a key person in the deliverance of the London Olympics.

He is also a motorsport competitor, having an MGB which he races when he can, and, for those more of my age, you will remember his father, Marcus Chambers who was the team manager for BMC in the 1950s and 60s and then for the Rootes team running Sunbeam Tigers and the Hillman Hunters.

I am delighted to confirm that Hugh has accepted our invitation to be our guest at the Awards Lunch at Drayton Manor on Sunday 3rd February.

You will find more details of the AGM and Awards Luncheon in this edition of the News. Please try and attend the AGM which will start at 11am where the Association Board will give an account of the Competition Year and a brief overview of our accounts.

The lunch will start at 1230 after which we shall presenting our Champions, class winners, and special award winners, with their well deserved trophies.

Finally, it is the time of year to say a very big Thank You to everyone who has helped us make the 2018 season so successful.

First of all to all the officers of the Association, the committee members, and most of all the Championship Co-ordinators.

In addition we cannot run any Championships without the events, so big thanks to the clubs that put them on and a very special thanks to all the marshals, scrutineers and other officials. We have a fantastic team across all our 7 Championships. Finally thanks to the competitors, without whom all our efforts would be for nothing.

All that remains is to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a prosperous, successful and competitive New Year.

I look forward to seeing you at the Drayton Manor Park Hotel on Sunday 3rd February 2019.

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# **BTRDA® Allrounders Championship**

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### **ALLROUNDERS ALL THE WAY ROUND**

As you will be reading this news around Christmas time we cannot say who has won our Allrounders awards for this year. As you know the championship ends on the 31st December each year. Writing this for the copydate of November 20th there is only one sporting trial left in the BTRDA calendar of serious fun plus any speed events you may find up to the end of the year. There are some!!!!

However the current positions are unlikely to change. Leading overall is Jamie Yapp, in second place is John Fox, third is Liam Rollings, who is also leading the One Car Trophy, with Elis Matthews our Under 25 winner of the Duckham Trophy. The nine qualifiers, so far, for our end of season awards are completed by Alan Wakeman, Richard Yapp, Nick Pollitt, John Wadsworth and Lee Matthews. Full and comprehensive results and analysis in the next News.

The current scores are in this news and on our website and will be updated just as soon as the last possible events results are confirmed.

We are delighted to see our Allrounders doing well in other championships. Elis Matthews has won his Group class in Autotests, Liam Rollings was first in regional Group B and second overall in the AutoSOLO Championship following a tie

decider, and Luke Constantine is the Overall Champion of the Rallycross Championship with maximum points. The Association records show Luke, at fourteen, the youngest EVER winner of a Gold Star Championship in the BTRDA history. His brother Tom and cousin James were next in the very competitive Junior Class in their Suzuki Swift cars. As if that was not enough Tom won his class in the British Rallycross Championship from Luke. A very busy season.

We were delighted that fourteen contenders under the age of 25 entered our championship this year and look forward to them trying other disciplines in the future. Just missing that all important sixth event to qualify were Fred Ling and Nick Angrave who are both Rallycross competitors and at University so their time for their motorsport is restricted. Education, Education, Education. All in good time. See you all next year.

The BTRDA annual awards Lunch and AGM this year will be held at the Drayton Manor Hotel, near Tamworth, on Sunday 3rd February 2019. Tickets from the BTRDA website shop on line or by application on the invitation form possible in this News.

So looking at events for next year, plan your



**Jamie Yapp at the Autosolo Grand Final**  
**Photo: Duncan Wild**

Allrounders calendar and try to do some early events which may be slightly out of your comfort range, maybe car trials/sporting trials/ autoSOLO, to get some events in as soon as you can. You can always improve on points at later events as the year develops.

News has just broken that MSA has rebranded to Motorsports UK Ltd. The main drive behind

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this is to help make motorsport for new competitors seem less elitist and less expensive to start, with more club level events not requiring a competition license, and to project a new image to the outside world. A new outlook driven by new Chairman David Richards and new CEO Hugh Chambers. The future is the place all our sports hope to be and in a viable and cost-effective manner.

Hope to see you at events in 2019.

Whatever the weather, enjoy your motorsport,

**Phil D**

Photos

Top:-

John Fox at Loughborough Autotest  
Picture taken by Dave Cram

Bottom:-

Liam Rollings at the AutoSolo Final  
Picture taken by Duncan Wild



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### Provisional Overall Scores as at 20<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Name	Score	Grp	Score	Grp	Score	Grp	Score	Grp	Score	Grp	Score	Grp	TOTAL
Jamie Yapp	13.75	E	17.78	G	18.75	G	17.78	H	18.00	H	17.50	H	103.56
John Fox	10.00	A	13.33	G	17.50	G	17.14	H	16.00	H	17.50	H	91.47
<i>Liam Rollings</i>	<b>13.33</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>13.33</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>13.33</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>18.33</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>15.00</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>17.50</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>90.82</b>
Alan Wakeman	7.27	B	16.00	G	10.00	G	13.33	H	15.00	H	10.00	H	71.60
Richard Yapp	6.67	A	12.00	G	13.75	G	15.00	H	11.11	H	12.50	H	71.03
Nick Pollitt	12.73	B	13.33	B	10.00	B	10.00	G	10.00	G	10.00	H	66.06
John Wadsworth	10.00	B	10.00	B	8.89	B	18.10	G	15.71	G	2.00	H	64.70
<i>Nick Pollitt</i>	<b>12.73</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>13.33</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>7.50</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>63.56</b>
Lee Mathews	6.67	A	7.50	A	13.33	B	11.43	B	10.00	B	10.00	H	58.93
Elis Mathews <sup>U</sup>	10.00	A	10.00	A	6.67	A	2.86	B	3.33	B	6.67	H	39.53
Fred Ling <sup>U</sup>	12.00	E	12.00	E	14.29	E	14.29	G	17.14	G			69.72
Alastair Moffatt	14.29	A	17.14	A	16.67	F	17.14	F					65.24
Nick Angrave <sup>U</sup>	10.00	E	8.00	E	10.00	E	12.00	G	14.29	G			54.29
Jim Bryant	17.78	H	18.18	H	18.33	H							54.29
Luke Constantine <sup>U</sup>	17.78	E	17.78	E	18.00	E							53.56
Dave Evans	15.00	A	16.67	A	15.00	A	6.67	B					53.34
Tom Constantine <sup>U</sup>	15.56	E	15.56	E	16.00	E							47.12
James Williams <sup>U</sup>	11.67	H	16.00	H	17.14	H							44.81
James Constantine <sup>U</sup>	15.00	E	15.00	E	14.00	E							44.00
Andrew Williams	14.29	H	14.29	H	15.00	H							43.58
Paul Johnson	13.33	E	16.67	E	13.33	E							43.33
Morgan Wroot <sup>U</sup>	15.56	E	13.33	E	11.43	E							40.32
Dave Walker	8.89	B	13.33	B	8.57	B							30.79
Todd Crooks <sup>U</sup>	4.00	E	12.00	E	13.33	E							29.33
Amy Baines <sup>U</sup>	7.50	E	11.11	E	10.00	E							28.61
Archie Thomas <sup>U</sup>	4.44	E	6.67	E	13.33	E							24.44
Duncan Wild	10.00	A	6.67	A	7.50	A							24.17
Jordine Wadge <sup>U</sup>	6.15	E	8.33	E	6.15	E							20.63
Bill Bourne	4.44	A	5.00	A	2.22	A	8.00	H					19.66
Pat Egger	5.00	D*	12.50	D*									17.50
Richard Egger	5.00	D	12.50	D									17.50
Miranda Wakeman <sup>U</sup>	5.00	H	10.00	H									15.00
Phil Darbyshire	7.14	G	7.50	G									14.64
David Allman	9.41	D*											9.41
Richard Pain	3.33	H											3.33

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

### ALLROUNDERS - another Gold Star® Championship to consider for 2019.

Open to all drivers and to rally co-drivers.

Registration is free for under 25s or £16 for everyone else.

The Rules are on the Allrounders pages of [www.btrda.com](http://www.btrda.com).

Great fun to share with some other BTRDA disciplines.



			CHAMP	TOTAL																		
			Grand Final	07/10																		
			Best	Five																		
			Mac Hazlewood	TOTAL																		
			Ernest Owen	02/09																		
			HCC Wales	22/07																		
			Cymru	21/07																		
			Wye Valley	24/06																		
			Wyre Forest	10/06																		
			Matthews A-Salvage	27/05																		
			Derwydd	26/05																		
			Warwickshire	06/05																		
			Ivinghoe Springs	15/04																		
			Golden Springs 2	25/03																		
			Golden Springs	04/03																		
			Spring Trial	03/03																		
			Status																			
			NAME																			
	G	St	Mark Hoppe	*9*	8	10	10	10	10	9	10	10	96	50	20	70						
	G	St	Garry Preston	0	0	10	10	10	0	8	10	9	54	47	18	65						
	G	St	Henry Kitching		9	8	10	8		9	10	8	54	46	18	64						
	G	St	Rupert North	8	6	10		9	10	9	10	8	70	48	16	64						
	B	St	Dick Glossop	9	10		9	9	7	8	10	9	78	47	16	63						
	G	St	Shawn Franklin	9	9	10	10	7	10	10	7	9	6	87	49	14	63					
	G	St	Barrie Parker	10	10	8	9	9	9	9	8	8	80	47	14	61						
	S	St	Trevor Moffatt	9	8	7	7	8	7	7	10	7	9	79	44	16	60					
	G		Dave Oliver		7	*9*			6		8	9	39	39	18	57						
	S	St	Kevin Roberts	8		9	*9*	8	5	7	9	6	8	69	43	14	57					
	S		Simon Harris	St		8				*9*		9	26	##	25	51						
	S	St	Dave Walker	6		6	9		8	7			36	36	12	48						
	S	St	Neil Mackay	10	10				0	9		0	29	29	12	41						
	B	St	Ifan Roberts	6		5	6	5	4	4	6	4	44	28	12	40						
	B	St	Bill Stronach	4	2	4	3	5	4	3	2	0	27	20	8	28						

## Award Winners

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## LOW DOWN TORQUE

The Winter issue of *News*, as one might expect, offers an opportunity to reflect on the championship year just ended and to look forward to another year of hotly contested events and league tables. The stand out moments this year have been the almost invincible performances from our Car Trials convert, Mark Hoppé and driving a markedly different Dutton we find 14 year-old Ifan Roberts' name on the Bronze Star runner-up trophy. Coupled with Kevin Roberts picking up the Silver Star runner-up award, we can be sure there have been celebrations in Dorset and Denbighshire respectively. Although we have no new recipients of the BTRDA Crested Spoon this year, I don't imagine it will be long before some of the old guard are displaced; we most definitely have some very competitive drivers in our championship ranks.

To continue the forward-looking theme, albeit on a rather different tack, the committee have understandably opted not to open up an eligibility opportunity for hybrid or EV's for the time being. We really do not have the expertise to cover the exceptional safety issues that these cars can present, nor do we anticipate that we are blocking a queue of potential entrants all keen to expose their very expensive motor cars to the off-road hillsides that are our playground.

However, the changes we *have* made to the Championship Rules, effective January 2019, are that we have permitted greater under-body

protection for Class 1 cars (thus protection is not simply confined to a sump guard, but the 10kg weight limit is retained); we have also clarified that Kit Cars and Modified Production Cars in Class 3 must comply with Motorsport UK Car Trials Regulation for tyres T11.12.6.

We have begun a consultation process to establish whether there is a desire to change the Class 1 date threshold, and if there is then how should it change? Furthermore, is the class definition still appropriate or does this need to change? We plan to open up the consultation as widely as possible, but always bearing in mind we are dealing with Championship Classes and these *might* vary from what works at club level. Then again, they might not! If you haven't already done so, please do email me with your thoughts. Rest assured, no change will be rushed in and we remain conscious that we need to give adequate notice of any significant changes.

Turning to our calendar of events, the one printed herein is best treated as being provisional (although most dates are confirmed) and the one published on the BTRDA web site will be kept up-to-date. As we approach copy date, we are uncertain as to whether the Kent based Basil Elington trial will be a championship round and has therefore not been listed; the dates for the first Welsh Weekend are a little later than usual and may conceivably be brought forward.



Gold Star Champion Mark Hoppe at the Grand Final  
Photo: Dunan Stephens

Discussions about a "Yorkshire Weekend" are ongoing and if this is ultimately confirmed the trials may or may not be qualifying events in the championship, subject to how much notice we can give championship contenders.

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And lastly, we hope to be able to stick with the proposed date for the Grand Final and definitely avoid a clash with the Edinburgh Classic Trial; our first choice organising club were unable to help us on this occasion and so until we've firmed up on the organisers we can't identify a location. Sorry!

Apologies that we've a few loose ends, but our limited resources are rather stretched at this

time of year; please keep an eye on the web site for any updates.

And finally, finally, seasonal greetings to everyone – thank you for your support in 2018 and we look forward to seeing another strong turnout in 2019.

**Best wishes**

**Neil Mackay**

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## **2018 Car Trial Grand Final**

### **Organsied by Woolbridge Motor Club 7<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

In conditions somewhat different to my last visit to this venue 18 months ago, I now appreciate what a vast area that the four large fields provide for the Club to use whatever the weather. This time, there was half an inch of rain on Saturday set-up day, after weeks of dry weather. However, after a clear night and come Sunday morning, the sun was burning off the dew very quickly. It was going to be a dry trial – not a novelty this year. The hills were spread across the large site with all four fields being utilised. The sections had a huge range of features – they were long, wide, twisty, straight, cross camber, nettles, grass and loose soil. The decision making on some hills due to very wide choices of line would be intriguing. A great day was in prospect.

#### **Class One**

Class One was light on contenders for the final. After some drivers didn't enter and another switched class, there were only three entrants, leaving the class at a disadvantage for a good index on the day. So previous Gold Star® winners Barrie Parker and Henry Kitching took on Trevor Moffatt – the former in his Fiat Seicento and the latter two in their usual Corsas. In round 1 conditions were quite slippery but Henry skilfully navigated some of the early corners' where Barrie and Trevor stopped, to open up a clear and substantial lead. Round 2 saw the conditions starting to dry out and scoring was a little closer but Henry was still able to increase his lead by 1 or 2 points on each hill. At Lunch Henry was well ahead and clearly out of reach barring a series of mistakes with Trevor only 1 point clear of Barrie. Round 3 saw Trevor have a minor victory by beating Henry on the round including making a great climb on Hill 3.

Barrie was slipping further behind as the drying conditions put the low-powered Fiat at a distinct disadvantage compared to the Corsas. Round 4 saw normal service resume with Henry further extending his lead and he secured the class win with some excellent climbs and Trevor further increased his lead over Barrie.

**Class Two** consisted of five former Gold Star® winners (Simon Harris, Garry Preston, Neil Mackay, Rupert North and Shawn Franklin (who had defected from Class One) mounted in their usual steeds – except for Neil who had borrowed Duncan Stephens' Nova) – plus Bill Stronach's Citroen C2 and Dave Walker's Corsa.

On viewing the first hill that we in Class 2 were to attempt, it was obvious that Andy Webb (the Clerk of the Course) had some imagination, and that we would be in for a tough day on some very challenging sections. This Hill 3 had an ex-bracken patch of broken soil about the area of a house, with a narrow more grassy route either side; but typically neither outside way was accessible at the speed required. It was a great hill, but it was 8's and 9's for us all. There were three or four stopping points on the next hill, and the seven of us stopped at them all between us! Garry and Simon found more speed than the others to get over the crest at the nine marker on Hill 6, to score 4's, while Stephens' corner (Mike, Hazel and Duncan on Hills 7 & 8) was fairly straightforward for all of us.

Although it was drier for the second round, none of us got up the bracken roundabout hill again – so close for Simon and Rupert, but not quite. After that, there's not much to report on the second round; most of us scored within one of everybody else on all hills to total 28 to 32 for the round. Shawn and Simon cleaning Duncan

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Stephens' hill was a notable success for them. The five past champs lunched between 65 and 78 – so it was still all to play for. Simon was rueing a number of what ifs and gave himself a talking to over the long lunch break – 'concentrate and get more speed where you can', he was heard to mutter.

There were 10 sections set, but only eight used in the morning. There was a unique opportunity for the drivers to vote to not use 2 hills in the afternoon. It's always interesting when drivers are asked to make a decision, and after that novelty, the majority (anonymous) decision of the drivers was to not run Hills 1 and 7 during the afternoon, but Hills 9 and 10 were the enforced substitutes.

Reversing the running order in class for the afternoon meant that Garry and Simon's routes were not available to the others in class, and they both took advantage with good climbs up the roundabout hill and the cross camber Hill 5. The new Hill 9 was a little tight in places – especially for a Golf with a poor lock, but a tweak of the steering lever allowed Simon to equal Rupert's clean. Hill 10 was somewhat more nadgery though, requiring more thought and car-handling than climbing ability. In the Golf, within one car length of the start it was.... over the edge on full right lock with a pull on the handbrake to avoid the left 11 post, trundle down to the 9 post (not too close to the hedge to avoid scratching the car) and a quick handbrake tug again on left lock to avoid the fence post at 9, some light climbing for about six car lengths back up to the 8 & 7 posts and a bunny hop or two (who remembers good old Gus Honeybun?) to bring the front end round to the right just

before hitting the 6 post, and a hard pull on the handbrake to make the immediate hairpin left, missing the righthand 5 post by less than an inch, some climbing back up to the 4 post on the crest, before a gentle right and back down to the 3 post (remembering not to go four wheels out) and get some speed to sneak out of the top to claim a well-earned zero. All without stopping of course – but at least there was no stopwatch running! This was the only time that any of the hills became tight, as the rest of the hills offered a fascinating combination of steepness, light bumpiness, different terrain and a great choice of line to explore successfully or hang oneself.

**Class 3** had just 5 entries with regulars John Charles and Steve Courts away at the Edinburgh trial and with a broken diff respectively.

Mark Hoppe started favourite for the event having had a very strong season this year in the Dutton Melos. However, Dave Oliver (Imp), Dick Glossop (Liege) and father & son duo of Kevin and Ifan (Mike) Roberts in their Dutton were all out to capture an award of some description.

Class 3 headed to Hill 5, a simple enough looking hill with a nasty camber on a straight climb into a deceptively tricky left hander at the 5 marker. Even in the dry conditions nobody managed to negotiate this on round 1 – this was going to be a tough day!

At Hill 6, the first short sharp climb didn't pose a problem for Dave Oliver despite being first on the hill; however the rest of the pack made hard work of it, none more so than Mark Hoppé who burned for 30 seconds to inch up the hill and rescue 5 points – mainly due to Michelle's expert bouncing.

Hill 7 was simple enough for the rwd cars with only a couple of dropped points. Hill 8 was interesting and had a tough split route for the rwd cars which saw 2's and 3's the best performance. Across the venue and it was off to hill 1. This, again, was very steep and had a split route which proved just too much for the rwd cars with 4 being seen as a great score.

Hill 2 was interesting but certainly harder than it looked and caught



Silver Star Champion Trevor Moffatt at the Grand Final  
Photo: Dunan Stephens

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most of the class out at a 7 or 6. Hill 3 was a thinker.....over 100 ft wide on the first short climb up the steep bank – meaning there were multiple routes. Mark H struck here and was the only one to negotiate the 8 marker and moved onto a good 4, thus creating a small cushion at the end of round 1. Hill 4 was deceptive and could easily have been a 10 for those who did not concentrate, once round the 10 it didn't get easy with a very steep closing climb which saw several get to a tantalisingly close 1.

The hills needed very little tweaking after round 1, so into round 2 where Mark lost a few more points to Dave, ending at lunch with the Dutton just one better than the Imp. The Gold Star® looked like it could be coming Mark's way – but with 16 treacherous hills to go it was certainly not over. The battle between Dick and Kev was swaying one way and the other, with young Ifan (Mike) Roberts keeping them honest with some very tidy climbs.

Mark scraped past the 5 post on Hill 5 to go clean whilst Dave stuck at 4 and immediately give Mark back some points. However, there was nip and tuck with points gained and lost on several hills. The battle all afternoon was very tight and whilst Mark led into round 4, Dave pulled back a further 3 points but ended 2 short of the win. Dick kept cool and managed to dispense with Kevin down into 4th. Ifan ended

just 3 points behind Kev, having cleared out several hills that even Hoppé and Oliver couldn't.

Having been frustrated at some missed opportunities in the morning, Simon reported driving a near perfect afternoon and he was rewarded with the overall win. Henry's, in a class of only three, was probably the stand-out drive of the day and his second place was some consolation. The RWD boys' close tussle meant that their winner could only finish third on index. But his class win was enough for Mark to claim the Gold Star®. This is the first time that the overall winner of the Final has not been rewarded with the Gold Star®, but as Simon's rallying commitments kept him away from trialling for much this year – he has competed only twice – he agreed that it is a fair reflection on the year. It's just what the rule was introduced for.

There were 14 Clubman along with the 15 National competitors to enjoy the brilliant hills. The marshals did a great job throughout on a very pleasant autumn day, and there was excellent electronic paperwork by Merv Brake, as always, with results having been received at home before most people got home. Well done Woolbridge. It was a fitting conclusion to the car trialling year.

First Overall	Simon Harris	VW Golf GTi	83	87%
First in Class 1	Henry Kitching	Vauxhall Corsa	96	93%
First in Class 2	Garry Preston	Fiat 127	94	99%
First in Class 3	Mark Hoppé	Dutton Melos	67	96%

**SNH & MH**

### Scorer's Snippets 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018

The Silver Star® Championship was quite tight at the top going into the Grand Final with Trevor Moffatt and Kevin Roberts only a point apart – just as it was for the Bronze Star® two years ago. Dave Walker was there to pick up the pieces should either of them have a disaster, but Steve Courts and John Wadsworth decided to miss the event, so their long odds to become involved, became non-existent. On the day, Trevor took second in Class, and Kevin fourth, so that they finished in the Silver Star® Championship in that order – revenge from two years ago!

The Bronze Star® was a little more cut and dried, with Dick Glossop only having to finish to claim the title. He did that with ease, of course. John Charles' absence (at the Edinburgh Trial) left Ifan Roberts to hold off Bill Stronach – if the Dutton would keep going for 32 hills – double driven. Neither Kevin nor Ifan spared the horses at times, but the blue sports car held together and Ifan finished Bronze Star® runner up. Dick now moves up to the Silver Star® championship next year.

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Mark Hoppé was probably the favourite for Gold Star® going into the Final, but that pressure did not show – well, no more than a couple of times (!!). After four years of the new Gold Star® scoring system (five bonus points for the overall winner of the Final) having no effect on deciding the champion, this year it did, and I'm not sure that I'm delighted to be the one who broke the spell. The five bonus points didn't do me any good. However, I have to say that although I won the Grand Final, I had only qualified to enter the Final with one 'Start' counting at a postponed event, and one other start counted for being Clerk of the Wye Valley. So, as I actually only competed twice on BTRDA Car Trials in the year, I probably didn't deserve to win the Gold Star®.

The qualifying events were all analysed in detail by the Committee, taking into account the Survey Monkey comments that the competitors themselves have submitted after events. Woolbridge Motor Club was voted the best event. All the reports were good and considering that they had to postpone the event from just three weeks prior, the Club did a fantastic job all round.

The number of cars that are not carrying a passenger is increasing further. The relaxing of the regulations a few years ago is a good thing to keep event entries up, and it is being appreciated. Though competitors should remember that passengers may turn into competitors one day and may therefore assist in our sport continuing.

The usual annual statistics follow..... The average number of competitors per event has increased slightly to 27 this year; and the average number of national competitors has followed suit, up to 21. BTRDA registered drivers attendance at events also went up – to an average of 14½ per event. The number of championship registrations fell to 27. The best supported event (including Clubman) was Falcon Motor Club's Ivinghoe Spring Trial with a full 50 entries, while the most National competitors were at the Ivinghoe, Wye Valley and Wyre Forest Trials (24), and the Wyre Forest had the most BTRDA competitors with 18.

The list of Championship Award winners is as follows; congratulations to all of them.

*Simon Harris*



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### Round 8 Blyton

With Storm Callum making its way across the UK, it was inevitable that round 8 at Blyton Park on October 14<sup>th</sup> would be held in wet conditions. The weather was somewhat worse than anticipated, as the rain came down heavily and the wind blew. Our 47 Championship drivers weren't deterred however as they lined up for practice, blissfully unaware of the challenges the weather would pose throughout the day. Our new drivers, including Alex Hawkins in his classic mini, were literally thrown in at the deep end as they aquaplaned from the hump to the hairpin. With the weather only set to get worse, and the loose section cutting up, the decision was made to cancel the third set of heats; a decision which compromised the final grid position of those hoping for a better finishing position in race three.

Dan Beattie took his fourth win of the season in the Albatec Racing Production 4X4 Category as he led the final from start to finish, whilst his championship rival had a dramatic race with a spin on lap two that saw him chasing the tail of Dominic Flitney. It appeared all was not over for Davis as Flitney, who was contesting his debut event, suffered engine problems and was forced to retire. Beattie regained Davis in his mirror at this point for only a short while, when Davis was also faced with engine problems, leaving Beattie as the only race finisher.

In the AS Performance Supermodified Category, Tony Lynch entered the event in his

Ford KA knowing that if he was to stand a chance in gaining the overall BTRDA Rallycross Championship title he needed to win the event. Having lined up 2<sup>nd</sup> on the grid for the A final, it seemed Lynch was well placed to take the win he so desperately needed, but it was Pat Ryan who led from the lights, whilst Lynch and Mike Dresser battled behind him. Ryan's lead was short-lived as Lynch passed him on lap 2, where he remained until the last corner. It was in that final corner that a small amount of contact saw Ryan take the lead and pass the chequered flag in first place. With the results all too crucial, and contact having been made, Lynch protested the results which saw Ryan handed a 5 second penalty – the dust was not left to settle here, however, as Ryan protested his penalty and the results were carried forward to Croft for discussion by the stewards. Behind them, David Bell having progressing from the B final took 3<sup>rd</sup> place closely followed by Paul Johnson and Nick Angrave. Dresser unfortunately was not to finish the event as he too became victim of the harsh conditions.

In the Mel Williams Tyres Production Category, Mark Henry secured his best race result as he took 4<sup>th</sup> place in the A final, having won the B final not long before. Jarek Suchowiecki continued his winning streak from Lydden, as he qualified on pole and lead the final from start to finish with over 8 seconds separating him and 2<sup>nd</sup> place finisher Dale Ford in his recently

acquired ex Jeff Hope-Davies Citroen Saxo. Luke Mason's hopes of a podium finished were quashed as he suffered drive shaft issues and failed to start the final.

Ryan Stutchbury in his Peugeot 205 was dominant in the Steve Gaunt Trailers Classic Category final as led the race from the word go, coming across the line 8 seconds from Ryan Taylor. Stutchbury counted himself lucky as the car suffered with engine problems just seconds after crossing the line, having over heated due to a dirt clogged

Dan Beattie Production 4x4 Champion  
enjoying the mud at Blyton  
Photo: Trevor Coulson



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radiator. David Ewin crossed the line close behind in his RWD Ford Fiesta having suffered a dramatic day with a spin in heat two dropping him back on the starting grid for the final. Meanwhile, Martin Peel made his return to Rallycross with a new engine in his 205, claiming 4<sup>th</sup> ahead of Dave Martin in his R1 Motorsport car.

In the HT Installations Junior Rallycross Category, the Constantine family continued their winning ways. Luke claimed his 8<sup>th</sup> race victory of the season, proving his driving capabilities

and moving ever closer to the overall Rallycross title. His cousin James came over the line in 3<sup>rd</sup>, closely followed by Tom. Amy Baines, in her first season of Rallycross, claimed best newcomer of the day, as she showed her progression and finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place, having sat on the tail of Tom throughout the race.

As we left Blyton Park, the sun began to shine, and we all hoped for better weather at Croft in two weeks!

**Jordine Wadge**

### Round 9 Croft

On the run up to the final round of the BTRDA Rallycross Championship at Croft on October 27<sup>th</sup>, the weather forecasters promised us a cold, but dry day. As the 78-car entry, including four brand new drivers, lined up for practice however, snow continued to fall as it had done for the previous four hours, changing track conditions dramatically. Fortunately, the snow stopped as we went into heat one, allowing the track to dry before the finals.

The Race Bred Auctions Clubman 4X4 category attracted a 5-car entry, including British Rallycross front runner Ollie O'Donovan in his Ford Fiesta who qualified on pole for the A final, having beaten fellow competitors to the flag in all three qualifying heats. His winning streak continued as he led the final from lights to finish, whilst Derrick Jobb, Tommy Graham and Mike Manning battled for 2<sup>nd</sup> place with Derrick dropping behind Tommy on lap 2. Mad Mark Watson had problems with the clutch and despite taking his place on the final grid, failed to start.

Albatec Racing Production 4X4 saw a similar size field, and with the Championship not yet decided between Dan Beattie and Paul Davis it was all to play for going into the day. Unfortunately, Paul suffered engine failure in heat two, with problems carried over from an equally wet and muddy day at Blyton Park just two weeks previously and so his weekend was over. Dan Beattie and James

Lyon battled throughout the day as they shared heat wins, and were on level pegging going into the final. Alas, James didn't start the final, and Dan Beattie went on to take the win and claim the Championship ahead of Paul.

The AS Performance SuperModified Category saw the return of multiple champion Dave Bellerby in a Lotus Exige. The bigger entry saw a B final run which Fred Ling won, having defended off a hard challenging Slawomir Woloch. Fred's luck didn't continue however, as he had an accident in the A Final causing a red flag. Mike Dresser led the restart into the first corner, with the problems he had experienced earlier in the day seemingly fixed, but that wasn't how it was to continue as he retired on lap 2 leaving Bellerby to lead to the finish, closely followed by Tony Lynch and Pat Ryan. This 2<sup>nd</sup>



Classic Mini Class Winner Ian Clark at Croft  
Photo Trevor Coulson



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place finish saw Lynch claim the SuperModified title.

In the Mel Williams Tyres Production category, all was still to play for, with no class winners yet decided. The qualifying heats saw some close racing, with the Chrisp family taking race wins and Jordine Wadge coming back from an accident at Lydden earlier in the year to fend off the pack into the first corner of heat 2. Dale Ford qualified on pole for the finals, having taken two overall heat wins before going on to win the final, having enjoyed a close battle with championship rival Luke Mason. Keith Kerrshaawe passed the flag in 4<sup>th</sup> and this secured him the Category title by 1 point. Having taken the win, Dale secured 2<sup>nd</sup> in class, just 1 point behind Luke Mason.

The Steve Gaunt Trailers Classic category saw the welcome of new driver Stephanie Wadge, driving regular championship contender David Ewin's second car. The Championship positions were secured ahead of this round, with Ryan Taylor taking category win, whilst Ryan Stutchbury claimed Classic SuperModified title followed closely by David Ewin. Richard Todd had problems in practice and didn't make the start, but had secured the Classic Modified title, whilst Ian Clark extended his lead in Classic Minicross. Shaun Buckley made a bad start in the final, having qualified on pole and dropped pack in the pack, as Darren Grimston took the



**Pat Ryan, Stratis and Leigh-Anne Sedgewick at Croft**  
**Photo: Trevor Coulson**

lead, holding it until the flag ahead of Martin Peel, who took his best finish to date, and David. Stutchbury was seen to retire with engine trouble.

The HT Installation Junior Category saw history being made, with Luke Constantine taking his 9<sup>th</sup> win of the year after a close battle with his brother Tom, making him the youngest ever winner of the Overall BTRDA Rallycross Championship. Cousin James Constantine came home in 3<sup>rd</sup>, with Patrick O'Donovan, Morgan Wroot and Eleanor Corner battling behind him. Congratulations to all our winners, and thank you to drivers for supporting the Championship this season.

**Jordine Wadge**

### "Rallycross Chat"

➤ The 2019 BTRDA Rallycross Championship will be officially launched at the Autosport International (NEC) on Saturday and Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> January. The static display of Rallycross cars will feature; Luke Constantines Junior Spec Suzuki Swift, Dominic Flitney's Production 4x4 Subaru Impreza, Gary Cooks brand new Super Modified car will be unveiled along with Todd Crooks SuperModified car, David Ewin's Classic Fiesta EVO, and Joe Meskauskas Production spec Citroen C2.

➤ The two 4x4 categories within the Championship could possibly see the biggest growths in numbers for the 2019 with a whole host of new cars and drivers set to join the grid. In the Clubman 4x4 category Simon Horton (Subaru) will return, Irish man Michael Morris is planning a full season having spent 2018 carrying out upgrade on his Subaru. Add this to the likes of Derrick Jobb (Focus), Roger Thomas (Astra), Liam (Subaru) and Mike Manning (Fiesta), Imran Mogul (Mitsubishi) and Nigel Burke (Subaru) it's certainly is a mouth-watering line up. In Production 4x4



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current drivers are due to be joined by Darren Clark, Nick Potter, Paul Pascoe, Chris Baker and Martin Rogers, these entries could see both categories could hit double digits at all events next year.

➤ Top Irishman Tommy Graham will return to the BTRDA Rallycross Championship in 2019 driving in the Clubman 4x4 category with his recently purchased Ford Fiesta MK6 4X4 Turbo. The car previously owned by Dermot Carnegie, Pat Doran, David Binks and more recently Dave Bellerby has recently been rebuilt by Tony Bardy and Tommy hopes it will bring him glory next year.

➤ Having only done one previous rallycross event at the wheel of a hired Suzuki Swift, Robert Pickard will make his BTRDA debut here at Croft and is planning a full Championship campaign in 2019 at the wheel of a 2000cc Production Renault Clio

➤ Current Suzuki Swift driver Joe Booth will make a move into the BTRDA Production championship in 2019 and is hoping to use a standard spec Suzuki Swift for the 2019 season.

➤ 2018 BMW Mini class champion Leigh-Anne Sedgewick who has recently purchased the ex-Tony Lynch BMW Mini Cooper S will move up to the SuperModified category in 2019

➤ Former Peugeot 206 driver, Guy Corner is looking to compete in a full BTRDA Championship in 2019 at the wheel of a brand new self-built Lotus Exige.

➤ Having tried Rallycross for the very first time at Lydden Hill in September, Ryan Randall has done a deal with 'R1 Motorsport' to race in a full season at the wheel of their 'hire' Citroen C2 1600cc 16v Production spec car.



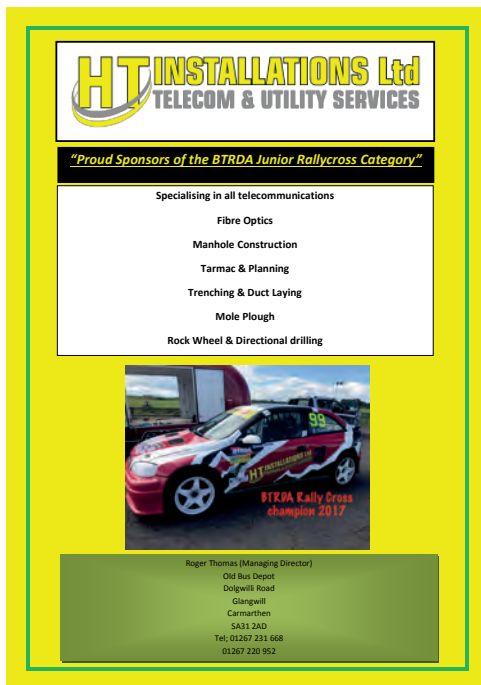
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**2018 AWARD WINNERS**

**Overall BTRDA Rallycross Champion:  
Luke Constantine – The Dave Fuell Trophy**

**Clubman's 4X4 Category**

**Champion:** Nigel Burke –

**The Motospeed Trophy**

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Andy Grant – an award

**3<sup>rd</sup>:** Mike Manning – an award

**Production 4X4 Category**

**Champion:** Dan Beattie –

**The Bill Skermer Trophy**

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Paul Davis – an award

**3<sup>rd</sup>:** Tracey Bennett – an award

**SuperModified Overall Category Champion: Tony Lynch – The Betteridge Trophy**

**SuperModified 1601-2000cc class**

**1<sup>st</sup>:** Pat Ryan – **The Fuchs Titan Trophy**

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Fred Ling – an award

**3<sup>rd</sup>:** David Brown – an award

**SuperModified over 2000cc class**

**1<sup>st</sup>:** Marc Jones – **The Titan Race Trophy**

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Nick Angrave – an award

**3<sup>rd</sup>:** Paul Johnson – an award

**SuperModified BMW Mini class**

**1<sup>st</sup>:** Leigh-Anne Sedgewick –

**The BTRDA Chairman's Trophy**

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Krysztof Kozon – an award

**3<sup>rd</sup>:** Stratis Hatzistefanis – an award

**Classic Overall Category Champion: Ryan Taylor – The Jehu Trophy**

**Classic SuperModified Class**

**1<sup>st</sup>:** Ryan Stutchbury – **The SGT Trophy**

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** David Ewin – an award

**3<sup>rd</sup>:** Shaun Buckley – an award

**Classic Modified Class**

**1<sup>st</sup>:** Richard Todd – **The DHL Trophy**

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Mark Finch – an award

**3<sup>rd</sup>:** Dave Martin – an award

**Classic Mini Class**

**1<sup>st</sup>:** Ian Clark – **The Oli-Jac Trophy**

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Craig Truelove – an award

**3<sup>rd</sup>:** Alex Hawkins – an award

**Production Overall Category Champion: Keith Kerrshaawe – The BWB Trophy**

**Production 1600cc 8v Class**

**1<sup>st</sup>:** Trevor Beaven – **The BLW Trophy**

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Jonny Chrisp – an award

**3<sup>rd</sup>:** Tony Chrisp – an award

**Production 1600cc 16v Class**

**1<sup>st</sup>:** Luke Mason – **The MLW Trophy**

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Dale Ford – an award

**3<sup>rd</sup>:** Jarek Suchowiecki – an award

**Production 1601-2000cc Class**

**1<sup>st</sup>:** Andrew Smith – **The Cothi Bridge Trophy**

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Sue Lane – an award

**3<sup>rd</sup>:** Nathan Jones – an award

**Junior Rallycross Category Champion:  
Tom Constantine – The BTRDA President's Trophy**

**2<sup>nd</sup>:** James Constantine – an award

**3<sup>rd</sup>:** Morgan Wroot – an award

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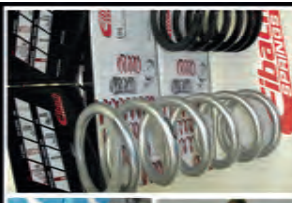
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<b>BTRDA Championship Overall ALL DROPPED SCORE TOTALS</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Luke Constantine	280
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tony Lynch	277
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pat Ryan	268
4 <sup>th</sup>	Ryan Taylor	268
5 <sup>th</sup>	Tom Constantine	257
6 <sup>th</sup>	Ryan Stutchbury	256



**BTRDA Supermodified Category**



**BTRDA Production Category**

<b>Overall</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Tony Lynch	277
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Pat Ryan	268
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Fred Ling	231
4 <sup>th</sup>	Marc Jones	229
5 <sup>th</sup>	Nick Angrave	214
6 <sup>th</sup>	Paul Johnson	200

<b>Up to 1600cc</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Guy Corner	33
1 <sup>st</sup>	Jordine Wadge	33

<b>1601 to 2100cc</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Pat Ryan	238
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Fred Ling	217
3 <sup>rd</sup>	David Brown	201
4 <sup>th</sup>	Peter Wharton	110
5 <sup>th</sup>	Simon Cofield	54

<b>Over 2101cc</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Marc Jones	240
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nick Angrave	237
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Paul Johnson	214
4 <sup>th</sup>	Mike Dresser	200
5 <sup>th</sup>	John Cross	95
6 <sup>th</sup>	Adam Mills	66

<b>SuperModified BMW Mini</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Leigh-Anne Sedgewick	165
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Krzysztof Kozon	60
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Stratis Hatzistefanis	56

<b>BTRDA Production Championship Overall</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Keith Kerrshaawe	248
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Andrew Smith	247
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Luke Mason	247
4 <sup>th</sup>	Dale Ford	240
5 <sup>th</sup>	Jarek Suchowiecki	226
6 <sup>th</sup>	Sue Lane	214

<b>Production 1600 8V</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Trevor Beavan	228
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tony Chrisp	121
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jonny Chrisp	119
4 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Hickey	86

<b>Production 1600 16V</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Luke Mason	255
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dale Ford	254
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jarek Suchowiecki	245
4 <sup>th</sup>	Joe Meskauskas	221
5 <sup>th</sup>	Lee Keeler	202
6 <sup>th</sup>	Krzysztof Kozon	179

<b>Production 1601 to 2000</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Andrew Smith	248
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sue Lane	234
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nathan Jones	229
4 <sup>th</sup>	Peter Hamlett	191
5 <sup>th</sup>	Thomas Edmunds	139
6 <sup>th</sup>	Eddie Gibbs	110

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



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## BTRDA Classic Category

Overall		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ryan Taylor	268
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ryan Stutchbury	256
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dave Ewin	245
4 <sup>th</sup>	Richard Todd	200
5 <sup>th</sup>	Shaun Buckley	168
6 <sup>th</sup>	Mark Finch	153

Classic Supermodified		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ryan Stutchbury	1226
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dave Ewin	223
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Shaun Buckley	158
4 <sup>th</sup>	Martin Peel	68
5 <sup>th</sup>	Todd Crooks	56
6 <sup>th</sup>	Marc Jones	40

Classic Modified		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ryan Taylor	238
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Richard Todd	185
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mark Finch	149
4 <sup>th</sup>	Dave Martin	100
5 <sup>th</sup>	Lee Marsh	54
6 <sup>th</sup>	Ray Morgan	40

Classic Mini		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ian Clark	176
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Craig Truelove	67
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Alex Hawkins	60
4 <sup>th</sup>	Todd Crooks	40



## Production 4 x 4 Category

1 <sup>st</sup>	Dan Beattie	253
2	Paul Davis	233
3	Tracey Bennett	209
4 <sup>th</sup>	Ross Connolly	94
5 <sup>th</sup>	Mike Manning	40
5 <sup>th</sup> =	Darren Clarke	40



## Clubman 4 x 4 Category

1 <sup>st</sup>	Nigel Burke	134
2	Andy Grant	80
3	Mike Manning	75
4 <sup>th</sup>	Roger Thomas	37
4 <sup>th</sup>	Liam Manning	37
6 <sup>th</sup>	Imran Mogul	33



## Junior Rallycross

1 <sup>st</sup>	Tom Constantine	160
2 <sup>nd</sup>	James Constantine	148
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Morgan Wroot	140
4 <sup>th</sup>	Eleanor Corner	221
5 <sup>th</sup>	Amy Baines	217
6 <sup>th</sup>	Rogério Mendes	140



## 2019 Autosport International BTRDA Clubmans Rallycross Championship in partnership with Toyo Tires calendar revealed - 30th November 2018

The 2019 Autosport International BTRDA Clubmans Rallycross Championship in partnership with Toyo Tires will consist of eight events run over six weekends.

The BTRDA season will start at Blyton on Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup> where it will make the first visit of two forming rounds 1 and 4 in the Championship.

The Championship's traditional visits to the Pembrey Circuit, will see two double header weekends in May (Rounds 2&3) and August (Rounds 5&6) utilising the new for 2019 Rallycross layout, and will no doubt feature a large contingent of drivers from across the Irish Sea.

Round 7 of the Championship and coming on the back of an extremely successful event in 2018, the championship goes to the home of Rallycross, the Lydden Hill Circuit in Kent which is bound to see the biggest entry of the season. The final round of the Championship probably see's the biggest surprise addition, but a very welcome one with the return of the Knockhill circuit which will be used for the first time since 2014. Some would say it is arguably the 'best' Rallycross Circuit in the UK and with upgrades planned before the event, it's sure to be a great addition to the season. With a lack of available noisy days at the Croft Circuit an alternative

venue had to be sought for the DDMC run end of season event and Knockhill was a logical choice. Rallycross returning to Knockhill is part of a long-term agreement which will see the circuit used as the final round of the championship not only in 2019 but also 2020.

"We are delighted to be hosting Rallycross again at Knockhill. It will be five years since we last hosted it and we know the track will be a fitting and exciting for the drivers and the Scottish fans will love to see its return after so long" said Stuart Gray, Director of Events and Marketing

The Championship boasts a calendar which has well spread out events with a great mixture of venues and layouts set to challenge every driver.

"I'm extremely pleased to be able to present a calendar which will see the Championship visit all corners of the UK and see's the welcome return of Rallycross to the Knockhill Circuit. Autosport International and Toyo Tires return in 2019 along with a great mix of social media coverage and TV broadcasting. The Championship will be officially launched at the Autosport International in January and with the expected new drivers, new cars, new circuits its shaping up to be a bumper year," said Championship Manager John Rook

### 2019 Autosport International BTRDA Clubmans Rallycross Championship in partnership with Toyo Tires;

- |                |                                                            |                     |
|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| ➤ Round 1      | Sunday March 24 <sup>th</sup>                              | Blyton Park Circuit |
| ➤ Rounds 2 & 3 | Saturday and Sunday May 18 <sup>th</sup> /19 <sup>th</sup> | Pembrey Circuit *** |
| ➤ Round 4      | Sunday June 30 <sup>th</sup>                               | Blyton Park Circuit |
| ➤ Rounds 5 & 6 | Saturday and Sunday August 10/11 <sup>th</sup>             | Pembrey Circuit *** |
| ➤ Round 7      | Saturday September 28 <sup>th</sup>                        | Lydden Hill         |
| ➤ Round 8      | Sunday October 20 <sup>th</sup>                            | Knockhill ***       |
- (Inc Test & Practice day Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October)

#### Championship notes;

- 8 Round Championship, best 7 scores to count
- \*\*\* These rounds also include the Clubmans 4X4 Category
- \*\* **Round 8**, the final round must be used as a championship score and cannot be used as a dropped score
- Clubmans 4x4 championship consists of 5 rounds, best 4 score to count
- All details remain provisional pending publication of championship regulations.

#### **In addition to the above the BTRDA RX Championship will also be supporting;**

- Sunday February 17<sup>th</sup> – Blyton Park/MDA Rallycross Test Day
- Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup> – MDA Rallycross Championship Event Blyton (full event details TBC)
- Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup> – Knockhill Circuit Rallycross Test Day



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- The Autosolo calendar was not available at the time of printing
- Motorsport UK English Rally Rounds are shown in Green
- Please check the BTRDA website for updates

		Autotest	Car Trials **	Rallycross	Rally – Asphalt	Rally - Forest	Sporting Trials
Jan	5/6						
	12			NEC Autosport International		Awards Evening Drayton Manor	Championship Final & Awards Evening
	13						
	19/20						
	26			Awards Evening Drayton Manor			
	27						
Feb	2						
	3	AGM & Prize Presentation Luncheon – Drayton Manor Park					
	9/10						
	16					Cambrian Rally Llandudno	
	17						
	23						Geoff Taylor Hagley & District
	24						
Mar	2						
	3						Walsingham 750MC
	9					Malcolm Wilson Incl. MSA English	Training Day Shelsley Walsh
	10	Hagley & DLCC			Tour of Epynt	Cockermouth	Peter Blankstone MAC
	16		Spring Trial Axminster				Stuart Butterfield NPTCC
	17		Golden Springs Crewkerne				Stone Trough NPTCC
	23						
	24			Blyton Park R1			President's Trophy Southsea MC
	30						
	31	Herefordshire MC					

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		Autotest	Car Trials	Rallycross	Rally – Asphalt	Rally - Forest	Sporting Trials
Apr	6						
	7						
	13						
	14	Boundless by CSMA NE London	Ivinghoe Spring Trial Tring/Dunstable			Rallynuts Stages Rally Builth Wells	J B Taylor Kentish Border
Apr	20						
	21	Easter Sunday					
	27						
	28	Rhyl & District MC			Clacton MSA English Only		Pennine Airedale & Pennine
May	4						
	5						Jigger Jug NPTCC
	6	Bank Holiday Monday					Raymond Baxter NPTCC
	10						
	11				Manx National Rally		
	12	Wolverhampton & SSCC	Warwickshire TBA			Plains Rally Incl. MSA English Oswestry	Four Turnings Camel Vale
May	18			Pembrey R2			
	19			Pembrey R3			Spring Trial Midland TCC
	25						
	26						
	27	Bank Holiday Monday					
Jun	1	Loughborough CC	Derwydd Corwen				
	2		MAS Trial Angelsey				
	8						
	9		Wyre Forest Stourport on Severn				
	15						
	16				Rally van Wervik		
	22						
	23	Alwoodley MC	Wye Valley Ledbury				
	29						
	30			Blyton Park R4			
July	6						
	7	Knutsford & DMC					
	13						
	14					Nicky Grist Stages Builth Wells	

		Autotest	Car Trials	Rallycross	Rally – Asphalt	Rally - Forest	Sporting Trials
Jul	20	South of Scotland MC	Gerry Evans Memorial Cymru Abergele		Down Rally		
	21		Clwyd Trial Prestatyn				
	27/28						
Aug	3						
	4	Caernarvon & Anglesey MC			Tyneside MSA English Only		
	10			Pembrey R5			
	11			Pembrey R6			
	17/18						
	24						
	25				Mewla National		
	26	Bank Holiday Monday					
	31					Woodpecker Stages	
Sep	1					Incl. MSA English	
	7						
	8		Gaby Mohr Memorial Bridgnorth				Robin Jaeger NTPCC
	14						Robin Alexander Camel Vale
	15	Hartlepool & DMC					David Ayres Launceston MC
	21				Cheviot Stages Rally		
	22						Peter Fear Ross & District
	28			Lydden Hill R7		Trackrod Forest Stages	
	29	Whitchurch MC	Ernest Owen Memorial Burton upon Trent			Incl. MSA English	Charles Pollard Peterborough MC
Oct	5						
	6						John Southern NTPCC
	12						
	13		Grand Final TBA				
	19			Knockhill Test & Practice Day			Training Day Long Compton
	20			Knockhill R8			Mercian Trial Midland TCC
	26						
	27						

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		Autotest	Car Trials	Rallycross	Rally – Asphalt	Rally - Forest	Sporting Trials
Nov	2						
	3						Tulleys Farm Kentish Border
	9						
	10						Roy Fedden Bristol MC
	16						
	17						Loughborough Loughborough CC
Dec	23/24						
	30						
	1						Gloster Midland TCC
	7					Grizdale MSA English Only Reserve Event	
	14/15						
	21/22						
	28/29						

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## **From The Hot Seat**

With the 2018 Championship having been wrapped up in time for the last News I have little to report on other than to confirm our winners

and give a preview of next year. So I confirm that our 2018 Gold Star Champion is Malcolm Livingston, who also takes classes D & J, with runner up Dave Mosey; Silver Star Champion is Mark Thornton, runner up Stuart Perren; Bronze Star winner is Kelsie Gillespie, who also wins Class H, and runner up is Helen Perren, who also wins Class L. The other Class winners are: Ashley Sights (A), Warren Gillespie (B), Chris Chapman (C), and Ellis Matthews (E). The award not previously decided is the Flather Shield for the Best event, which this year will deservedly go to Alwoodley Motor Club for their Nic Ayre Memorial event. All the awards will be presented at the Annual Luncheon, which will be held at Drayton Manor Hotel on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February, ticket applications for which are with this copy of the News and available online via the BTRDA website.

So that brings us to next year which will see some of the traditional dates our rounds change, plus the addition of Rhyl & District Motor Club to our list of hard working organisers. One exciting change is that the Loughborough Car Club are moving their date so that they, and by association BTRDA, can have a presence at the Coventry Motofest in June. Their Championship event will take place on the Saturday and Boundless by CSMA NE London will run a non-championship one on the Sunday, we hope this will attract all of the regular contenders so that we can put on a first class display to the public of BTRDA Autotesting at its very best over the weekend. More details to come in due course.

Photographs from the top:-  
Chris Chapman, Paul Fobister and  
Willie Keating in action at the Ken  
Wharton Autotest.  
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As I have mentioned in previous articles we intend to introduce a Roadgoing Kit Car class to the Championship in 2019, with the idea of attracting those enthusiasts to our sport. The class will be monitored to ensure that no "ringers" appear, but most "standard" cars should be competitive amongst themselves without excessive modification, which would move them into our existing Sports & Kit Car class. As I have said before it has become difficult to move up into Championship Autotesting unless you are mechanically minded

as prepared cars are difficult to find, but we hope that Kit Cars can be an alternative route.

So to round up, my thanks to Demon Tweeks, all of our organisers who have constantly produced excellent events and to the Championship Contenders who have made this one of the most competitive seasons. I remind you that the first event of the 2019 season is on the 10<sup>th</sup> March, so don't leave it to the last minute to do all those modifications your planning!

**Steve Layton**

### **BTRDA Autotest Championship Award Winners**

<b>Gold Star</b>	Malcolm Livingston	The FLATHER STAR Autotest Trophy and an Award and a BTRDA Gold Star
	Dave Mosey	The FRANK LIVINGSTON Memorial Trophy and an Award
<b>Silver Star</b>	Mark Thornton	The A C WESTWOOD Trophy and an Award and a BTRDA Solver Star
	Stuart Perren	The CASTROL Trophy and an Award
<b>Bronze Star</b>	Kelsey Gillespie	The IAN MANTLE Trophy and an Award
	Helen Perren	An Award
	Tom Coverdale	An award for best 4 scores
<b>Class B</b>	Warren Gillespie	The MOTORSPORT Trophy and an Award
	Mark Thornton	An Award for 2 <sup>nd</sup> in class
<b>Class C</b>	Chris Chapman	The RICHARD SQUIRE Trophy and an Award
	Richard Pinkney	The TREVOR J SMITH Trophy and an Award
	Steve Morten	An Award for 3 <sup>rd</sup> in class
<b>Class D</b>	Malcolm Livingston	The RIFLEMAN Trophy and an Award
	Dave Mosey	An Award for 2 <sup>nd</sup> in class
<b>Class H</b>	Kelsey Gillespie	The DARBYSHIRE Trophy and an Award
<b>Class J</b>	Malcolm Livingston	The JOHN LARKIN Jubilee Trophy and an Award
	Dave Evans	An Award for 2 <sup>nd</sup> in class
	Steve Morten	An Award for 3 <sup>rd</sup> in class
	Stuart Perren	An Award for best over 65
<b>Class L</b>	Helen Perren	The LADIES AUTOTEST Trophy and an Award
<b>Silver Spoons</b>	Malcolm Livingston	4 FTD
	Dave Mosey	4 FTD
	Dave Evans	1 FTD
	Alastair Moffatt	1 FTD
	Richard Pinkney	1 FTD
<b>Best Event</b>	Alwoodley Motor Club	The DENIS FLATHER Shield

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### **FROM THE PITs**

Very many thanks go to Richard Yapp who supplied me with my missing results for 1988 and 1989 and gives me a full set of the top 20, FTDs and Spoons won since 1984. The two years were two of David Haigh's best so his Spoon total rises to a highly impressive 80. The updated top 5 spoon winners (SINCE 1984) are:

David Haigh – 80  
Alastair Moffatt – 61  
Malcolm Livingston – 46  
Dave Mosey – 44  
Richard Pinkney – 34

I've stressed since 1984 because there were some retired drivers who suggested at the Ken Wharton event that they were the oldest/longest time Autotest driver and disagreed with my quote about Stuart Perren scoring points over the longest period and still being active. If we look at the longest living champion driver that has to be Dick Squire who looked very fit at the Ken Wharton, and he was champion back in 1962,79&80. The doctors disagree with Dick's ability to drive and it was daughter Beverley who was chauffeur for the day. It was good to see them both and I'm sure they were well entertained by the top teams competing for the Ken Wharton Trophy which was won by Northern Ireland. The event was held at Chateau Impney the scene of the very first events back in the 1950's and provided an excellent range of scenery to drive against. Did anybody watch the live streaming of the action? If not, there are some brilliant videos on YouTube. A long-term driver whose best performance was 14<sup>th</sup> in 1993 is Malcolm Clark who was also at the event. He now lives back in the UK and is still enjoying driving his Ford powered Midget. Malcolm is thinking about converting it back to road going condition so he can compete on Targa Rallies. Targa Rallies are run to Road Rally regulations so all interior trim is required. I have feeling that Targas will become the latest pathway for the young, or even older, new person to motorsport. The tests are all strictly run on a 30mph average and can be up to 8 or 9 miles long for those run in forests. The more common old airfield tests are shorter

but can still give you 5 or 6 minute runs the routes of which are unknown to the crew, navigation is by test diagrams and the skill of the person in the left hand seat. For the single venue type event there is also the possibility of the driver/navigator to swop over for a second entry which ends up as good value for the crew. Oops, I may be not helping the Autotest scene but we have to live with the reality of the reducing entries and events for this branch of motorsport.

Back to Autotests and worthy mentions of awards winners for the 2018 season. I would normally start with the Class A winner but, for the first time? there is no winner. Ashley Slights could only fit in a few events, Dave Fox had problems with his Nova engine mini and Mike Biss is still rebuilding the ex-Brian Bridge mini. It is rumoured that there could be 5 minis out in the class next year and for this reason the committee decided to retain the class structure for 2019.

I'm not sure what other cars could be used in the "All other saloons" Class B besides the Nova. It has dominated the class for several years with the odd intrusion of the Cook Micra. There was a discussion on one forum about using a bigger car but then the way the tests are laid out these days it doesn't give any incentive for anything bigger than a Nova type size to compete. We used to have an over 13ft overall length class which was very competitive for the (old) Escort Mk1 and Mk2 types. Perhaps a very good one in the hands of an expert could still do well in one of them? Time for Paul Swift to make a comeback! Best of the 2018 Nova brigade was Warren Gillespie who was one of only two class winner to remain undefeated over the season. This was no mean feat when there was the likes of Mark Thornton chasing you. This will be the last season that Mark will be in this position as for 2019 he will be in the ex-Paul Mooney Nova engine mini special – in exchange the Nova is now in Ireland! The young Jack Palmer deserves a mention as in his first season of top class autotesting he had some good placings and finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the class, in a Nova of course!

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Past champion Richard Pinkney did 7 events in his Caterham 7 but suffered from the fragility of the car and had only 4 sports car class wins. The other class winners were Chris Chapman with 6, enough to give him the Richard Squire Trophy for Class C, and Ian Chapman and John Moffatt with one each. John could have finished at, or near, the top of the class had not the G drifting series diverted his activities.

In the specials class the 2018 overall Gold Star champion Malcolm Livingston didn't have it all his own way and he only ended up with 68 points out of a maximum of 70. It really was close competition between him, Alastair Moffatt and Dave Mosey in their mini specials and Dave Evans in the Blitz special. It was 4 all on competition wins where both Malcolm and Dave were competing. I can't really say which is the best vehicle for autotesting between the rwd Lindsay special, now in its 3<sup>rd</sup> iteration, and the fwd 14 inch wheels mini special of Dave. I wouldn't like to be the bookie setting the odds between them! Stuart Perren came a deserving 4<sup>th</sup> in class in his own rwd home built Retrotester special which, like the Lindsay, has had several iterations. The latest news is that the steering geometry of the Retrotester has been changed with the rack being moved back to try and avoid the bump steer. Time will tell if it will be successful, perhaps over the lumps and bumps of the Curborough circuit paddock area for the Hagley autotests?

Regrettably in the road going class there were only two points scorers with Mike Biss only doing 1 event in his MX5 and Elis Mathews doing 3 in her Nova. Elis lives in Anglesey which does

make it a fair old haul to get to the events. Next year there will be a round run by the Rhyl MC which will be good for her and maybe help to get up to the 5 events needed to qualify for an award.

Elis was one of the 3 points scorers in Class H for the under 25s which is encouraging. The winner was Kelsey Gillespie in her Nova but only by doing one more event than Jack Palmer. All 3 of them would be worthy winners of the Darbyshire Trophy.

The number of competitors in Class J for the over 55's is slightly lower this year with only 12 points scorers. The competition was intense and only 1 point separated Malcolm Livingston and Dave Evans. At the end of the year, the John Larkin Jubilee Trophy goes to Malcolm to add to his Gold Star and Flather Star Trophy for first overall and the Rifleman Trophy for Class D – he will need an assistant to carry all those back to his table at the Luncheon on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February at Drayton Manor! Steve Morten scored consistent points in his Striker to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> in the class and it's good to give the Chapman family a mention as Ian came 4<sup>th</sup> in his Riot. As an aside, many thanks must go to the Chapmans Fern motorsport crew for the many photographs and videos of events that have appeared on YouTube. They have helped us back seat observers to keep up to date with test layouts and watch the fantastic skill that the top autotesters show.

The final class winner is the only other driver to be undefeated throughout the year and that is Helen Perren who beat allcomers in the Perren Retrotester to win the Ladies Autotest Trophy for Class L. Now I understand that the power of the Retrotester is marginally more easy to control than the one horse power of Velvet, the brakes definitely better on the Retrotester!

For those who I haven't mentioned many thanks for helping the BTRDA put on the Autotest championship which everybody wants to win. Here's to another successful year in 2019.

**Peter Cox**



**Gold Star Champion Malcolm Livingston  
at the Ken Wharton Autotest**

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## **Going Solo**

At the time of writing this Final Scores are still Provisional, so I trust that I am not going to be caught out by any changes that may come after this report, but hopefully that is unlikely. As we had foreseen, we approached the final round at Curborough with 3, possibly 4, potential Championship winners and the prospect of everything going down to the dreaded tie decider. Yet again we were incredibly lucky with the weather as the 18 November produced a cold but dry, sunny day for us allowing the competitors to fulfil their natural exuberance over the set of tests designed by Duncan Wild, which was confirmed by the broad smiles on most faces throughout the day. Although the entry was small it contained all of the main contenders, plus the odd potential spoiler from Allrounders, who were keen to take the double points of offer. It was impressive to see how AutoSOLO has now developed with some exceptionally good driving on display and overall times being very close and consistent. Class honours went to Liam Rollings (Mini), John Fox (Clio), Jim Bryant (MX5) and Eddie Martin (Lancer EVO), whilst Neil Jones (MX5) took FTD by 10 seconds.

With regards to the Championship, as I write, the AutoSOLO Trophy for first overall will go to Neil Jones on a maximum score of 80 points from Liam Rollings, with the same score, by virtue of being the quickest on the first test layout, with third place going to Ian Williams in the Clio. The AutoSOLO Challenge Trophy, for the best under

25, goes to James Williams in the family Micra and Class wins to Liam Rollings, Ian Williams, Neil Jones and Luke Dale. There are also awards in the form of Demon Tweeks vouchers for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in each group prior to the final, which go to Ian Williams, Neil Jones and Liam Rollings in Group A and Liam Rollings, Jim Bryant and Steve Connor in Group B. All the awards will be presented at the annual Luncheon to be held on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February at the Drayton Manor Hotel, application form with this News and on the BTRDA website, so please come along and receive your well-deserved plaudits.

As for the 2019 AutoSOLO Championship, again as I write, we are somewhat in limbo. As you will be aware the proposal of the Motor Sports Council to change the licencing requirement for Regional Championships for an experimental period, whilst possibly an admirable move to bring more competitors into Motor Sport, it leaves the possibility that we will be the only Championship having to run at Nat B level. This may cause an issue for our organisers as the entries for the events may be low, although I am grateful that most have already agreed to run Nat B events alongside their Clubmans, and a dilemma for our Contenders, who traditionally have also contended in their Regional Championships, which they can now do without the requirement to purchase a Motorsport UK Licence. We understand that a further review of the proposal

will take place in December as hope that some concession may be made to help, however, in the meantime we are unable to publish regulations for 2019 until we know the outcome. Suffice to say you will be notified as soon as we are in a position to do so.

My thanks to all of our organisers, Demon Tweeks for their support and to all of the registered contenders, who made this a cracking year for AutoSOLO.



**Under 25 winner James Williams**  
**Photo: Mark Summers**

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## **BTRDA® AutoSOLO Championship**

### Final Championship Positions

		U25		cc	Best Final Score	Position Class	Position Overall
CLASS A	Liam Rollings		Austin Mini	1310	80	1	2
	Alan Wakeman		Nissan Micra	1300	64	2	8
	Andy Williams		Nissan Micra	998	61	3	9
	James Williams	Y	Nissan Micra	998	57	4	11
	Scott MacMahon	Y	Nissan Micra	1348	30	5	19
	Jamie Yapp		Vauxhall Nova SR	1297	29	6	-
	Richard Yapp		Vauxhall Nova SR	1297	23	7	-
	Miranda Wakeman	Y	Nissan Micra	1300	17	8	25
	Lee Mathews		Vauxhall Nova	1398	5	9	30
	Elis Mathews	Y	Vauxhall Nova	1398	3	10	31
	Richard Pain		Fiat 500	1250	1	11	33
CLASS B	Ian Williams		Renault Clio	1998	76	1	3
	Philip Turner		Ford Puma	1700	59	2	10
	Lauren Crook		Saab 9-3	1985	40	3	13
	Jamie Foster		Proton Satria	1800	36	4	16
	Steve Conner		Ford Puma	1697	36	5	-
	Nick Pollitt		Susuki Swift Sport	1596	33	6	17
	Richard Mortimer		BMW Mini	1598	30	7	20
	Richard Olsen		MGZR	1800	29	8	21
	Emma Olsen		MGZR	1800	22	9	23
	David Graves		Sport Ka	1599	21	10	24
	Jamie Yapp		Renault Clio 172 Cup	1998	20	11	-
	Mark Summers		Ford Puma	1700	13	12	-
	Richard Yapp		Renault Clio 172 Cup	1998	13	12	-
	Paul Price		Renault Clio	1998	9	14	27
	Ramesh Ragunathan		Mazda RX-8	1300	8	15	28
CLASS D	Neil Jones		Mazda MX5	1840	80	1	1
	Jim Bryant		Mazda MX5	1840	75	2	4
	Oliver Jenkins		Mazda MX5	1600	69	3	6
	Howard Morris		Mazda MX5	1840	67	4	7
	Steve Conner		Mazda MX5 Eunos	1839	50	5	-
	Peter Cox		Honda S2000	2000	33	6	18
	Mark Summers		Mazda MX5	1800	25	7	-
	Alexander Smith		Mazda MX5	1800	14	8	26
	Richard Yapp		Mazda MX5	1840	8	9	29
	David Sellick		MG F	1796	3	10	32
CLASS E	Luke Dale		Mev Exocet	1800	27	1	22
	Richard Yapp		Westfeild SE	1600	10	2	-
Combined	Jamie Yapp				39		14
	Richard Yapp				47		12
	Steve Conner				75		5
	Mark Summers				37		15

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## TALES OF THE UNEXPECTED!...

As per usual, the Trackrod Forest Stages was the final round of the Jordan Road Surfacing BTRDA Rally Series® and, as per usual (at least, for the fourth time in a row!), Charlie Payne/Carl Williamson came away with a maximum score in the Jordan Road Surfacing BTRDA Gold Star® Championship. However, they didn't actually win the event this year - that honour fell to Mat Smith/Giles Dykes, the 2014 BTRDA 1400 Champions, who were having their first outing in the Fiesta WRC that had already taken Matt Edwards/Darren Garrod to this year's Gold Star title, and came home just 1.2s ahead of Payne's similar car. Indeed, Payne seemed on course for a fourth consecutive victory but was narrowly beaten on the final stage of the day!

With the non-appearance of Luke Francis/John H Roberts on the Trackrod, 2017 Gold Star Champions Stephen Petch/Michael Wilkinson (Fiesta WRC) started the final event of the year safe in the knowledge that they couldn't be beaten for runners-up spot this time. Nevertheless, as is customary, they gave it their all and arrived back in Filey in 3<sup>rd</sup> place, less than a minute behind Payne.

In Gold Star Championship terms, the final podium spot was far from secure as, unfortunately, Russ Thompson/Andy Murphy found out to their cost! Having secured the BTRDA Production Cup® on the Nicky Grist Stages in July, their Lancer EVO9 retired from the Woodpecker Stages but, with just the Trackrod to go, the Group N car was still clinging

on to 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the Championship. The crew then suffered a double whammy on the North York Moors - their Lancer let them down again and Pat Naylor/Ian Lawrence had a storming run in theirs to claim 6<sup>th</sup> overall and nick the place for themselves. Well, poo - or words to that effect!

Having been relegated to the rank of spectators on the Woodpecker, Hugh Hunter/Rob Fagg were once again denied a finish after their Fiesta stopped to admire the view in Dalby... A disappointing end to a season that had begun full of promise.

The battle for Class B13 had its ups and downs and twists and turns. Ian Joel/Graeme Wood had been showing the opposition how it should be done, but then a spot of over-exuberance on the Woodpecker had damaged their Escort Cosworth's suspension, rendering it hors de combat. That allowed a couple of pretenders to the crown, Matthew Hirst/Declan Dear (Mitsubishi Lancer EVO9) and Lee & Craig Burgess (Impreza), to believe!... However, seasoned campaigners Joel/Wood (that's a polite way of saying 'Seniors' which they also went on to win!) set about the task before them to claim 5<sup>th</sup> overall on the Trackrod and regain the advantage in B13 when it mattered most! On the day, Richard Hill (Impreza) was their nearest rival - the Burgesses finished but Hirst/Dear did not, leaving it until the final stage to make their exit...

So, in a direct juxtaposition of 2017, Russ Thompson/Andy Murphy have won the BTRDA

Production Cup® from Pat Naylor/Ian Lawrence but, this time, behind the two Lancers we find a string of MRF Fiesta ST Trophy crews. Champions James Giddings/Sion Cunniff are followed by Mat & Tim Tordoff, with Ewan Tindall/Paul Hudson next. At this point, it's worth reminding ourselves that, due to Tindall's age and the consequent lack of a driving licence, the teenager didn't join the fray until the Plains Rally in May and, but for his absence from the Trackrod, things could have finished somewhat differently....



**MSA English Rally Champions Ian Joel/Graeme Wood**  
Photo: Mark Almond/Kevin Money

Following the Woodpecker Stages, we also knew that George Lepley/Tom Woodburn (Fiesta R2) had made sure of the Jordan Road Surfacing BTRDA Silver Star Championship, the inaugural BTRDA Rallye R2 Cup and BTRDA Junior Driver but, in each case, there was still some sorting out to be done in regard to the remaining podium positions. Let's start with Silver Star.... Despite a below-par day on the Moors, Andy Davison/Tom Murphy (Talbot Sunbeam VXR) clung on to runners-up spot, but it was all oh so close! Leaving their best till last, Allan McDowall/Gavin Heseltine took their Escort MkII to a maximum, moving the Mauchline driver up to 3<sup>rd</sup> in the table, one point behind Davison and equal with Bob Vardy (Fiesta R2) - as the only one with a top score, the tie-break going in McDowall's favour. As far as the R2 Cup was concerned, while nobody was ever going to trump Lepley's full-house, some adjustments to the results of the Plains Rally saw Vardy and Keaton Williams move into an unassailable 2<sup>nd</sup> place, with Tony Simpson/Ian Bevan making it a Fiesta 1-2-3.

In the Junior category, once again Lepley's score could not be bettered and neither Matthew Hirst (2<sup>nd</sup>) or Tommi Meadows (3<sup>rd</sup>) finished the Trackrod - so, no change there...

Ernie Graham/Robin Kellard were another crew to end the season with a row of maximums - in their case, the goal was the BTRDA Historic Cup and their Escort MkII did them proud. However, while they knew that whatever happened, they couldn't be caught on the Trackrod, series sponsor Barry Jordan and co-driver Paul

Wakely's Hillman Avenger came within a point of the champions. Tom Coughtrie's Mitsubishi Galant VR4 failed to finish the final round but, if it had and Jordan hadn't, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> places in the end-of-season table would have been reversed....

Moving on to the BTRDA 1400 & Rally First Championships, there's no escaping the fact that, compared with the halcyon days of the 'Noughties' which saw up to 60 of the smaller-engined cars gracing event entry lists, participation levels are currently a shadow of their former selves. However, we must now wait until the start of next season - at the earliest - to see if the MSA's relaxation of the regulations in relation to event running orders is to make any significant difference.

Meanwhile, this year's 1400 Championship produced a grandstand finish with Dave & Toby Brick (Corsa and latterly Nova!) narrowly pipping Chris Powell/Jim Lewis, whose Talbot Sunbeam had accrued four maximums along the way, to the title. Tommi Meadows could have finished the season in 3<sup>rd</sup> place but his and Emma Morrison's retirement from the Trackrod put the kibosh on that! Instead, a returning Kieran Darrington (see 'halcyon days' above...) took a well-deserved podium spot from Stuart Spyer (Corsa) whose co-driver, Peter Williams, was 3<sup>rd</sup> in his particular category.

A string of early scores saw to it that Perry Gardener was the 1400C victor, but retirements from both the Nicky Grist and Woodpecker Stages meant that the Ludlow driver didn't feature in the upper reaches of the overall Championship table.

The 'car in front' of the BTRDA Rally First Championship has been a Toyota - it could have been one of two Corolla T Sports fielded by Matt Baddeley and Guy Butler but, when it came to the crunch, a DNF by the latter on the Trackrod saw the former crowned as champion. Sam & Liam Johnson's irregular appearances had seen their Seat Arosa take three maximums from four starts but



**Fiesta ST Trophy Winners**  
**James Giddings/Sion Cunniff**  
Photo: Mark Almond/Kevin Money

an absence from the Trackrod meant that that wasn't going to change. However, Sam finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Drivers' table and Liam will be dining out for a while yet as 2018 BTRDA Rally First Champion Co-driver!....

We started off by discussing the unexpected in terms of the BTRDA Rally Series but what also caught everyone on the hop was news that the final round of the MAXXIS MSA English Rally Championship, the Wyedean Forest Rally, had been unavoidably cancelled. Hence, the Trackrod was to host the finale of the ERC as well, injecting a new sense of urgency into those hoping to end the season with an MSA-titled Championship on their CVs!...

Ian Joel/Graeme Wood were in the pound seats after a couple of strong early-season performances but, at a stroke, their Escort Cosworth's paddy on the Woodpecker Stages saw them drop out of the Top Ten. So, drastic action was required to restore some order while there was still time - and that's just what happened! Joel/Wood's 5<sup>th</sup> overall on the Trackrod put them back on top but, with everyone's best three scores from the four events to count, it was still awfully close!

George Lepley (Fiesta R2) finished in runner-up spot (makes a change as he won everything else he was aiming for!), ahead of Matt Edwards (Fiesta) with their respective co-drivers, Tom Woodburn and Darren Garrod, being inseparable in equal 2<sup>nd</sup>. Dave Brick's performance over the Moors in his Nova elevated him to 4<sup>th</sup>, ahead of the non-finishing Tommi Meadows (Ka) and the absent Ernie Graham (Escort MkII). In addition to those named above, both Damian Pratts/Jonny Evans (Escort) and Pat Naylor/Ian Lawrence (Mitsubishi Lancer EVO9) finished the season as ERC class winners.

In closing, it's worth noting that, in the class-based series, the overall winners' Escort Cosworth wasn't from the one where you'd expect to find the most powerful cars....

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

**ANDREW HAILL**



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The British Trial & Rally Drivers' Association (BTRDA), promoters of the BTRDA Rally Series & MAXXIS MSA English Rally Championship, is looking for some new members to join its Rallies Committee. If you have an interest in helping to drive the future of the most successful Rally Championships in the UK, we would love to hear from you. Some of the activities include: -

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- The on-event team - the 'face' of the BTRDA Rally Series.
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## 2018 Award Winners

<b>JORDAN Road Surfacing BTRDA GOLD STAR® CHAMPIONSHIP</b>			
<b>Champion Driver</b>	<b>Matt Edwards *</b>	<b>Champion Co-Driver</b>	<b>Darren Garrod</b>
Second Overall	Stephen Petch	Second Overall	Michael Wilkinson
Third Overall	Patrick Naylor	Third Overall	Ian Lawrence
<b>JORDAN Road Surfacing BTRDA SILVER STAR® CHAMPIONSHIP</b>			
<b>Champion Driver</b>	<b>George Lepley*</b>	<b>Champion Co-Driver</b>	<b>Tom Woodburn</b>
Second Overall	Andy Davison	Second Overall	Tom Murphy
Third Overall	Allan McDowall	Third Overall	Keaton Williams
<b>1400 RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP</b>			
<b>Champion Driver</b>	<b>Dave Brick*</b>	<b>Champion Co-Driver</b>	<b>Toby Brick</b>
Second Overall	Chris Powell	Second Overall	Jim Lewis
Third Overall	Kieran Darrington	Third Overall	Peter Williams
<b>BTRDA RALLY FIRST CHAMPIONSHIP</b>			
<b>Champion Driver</b> (3 free Rally First entries)	<b>Matthew Baddeley</b>	<b>Champion Co-Driver</b>	<b>Liam Johnson</b>
<b>BTRDA PRODUCTION CUP</b>			
<b>Champion Driver</b>	<b>Russ Thompson*</b>	<b>Champion Co-Driver</b>	<b>Andy Murphy</b>
<b>BTRDA HISTORIC CUP</b>			
<b>Champion Driver</b>	<b>Ernie Graham*</b>	<b>Champion Co-Driver</b>	<b>Robin Kellard</b>

Overall Award Winners are not eligible for class Awards

Drivers marked \* each receive 4 free Revolution Competition Wheels  
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## BTRDA CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

First Junior Driver (£250 from Mintex)  
First Junior Co-Driver  
First Lady Co-Driver  
First Senior Driver  
First Senior Co-Driver

George Lepley  
Tom Murphy  
Emma Morrison  
Ian Joel  
Graeme Wood

## JORDAN Road Surfacing BTRDA GOLD STAR CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS AWARDS

B14	Driver	Co-Driver	B13	Driver	Co-Driver
1 <sup>st</sup>	Paul Bird	Jack Morton	1 <sup>st</sup>	Ian Joel	Graeme Wood
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Luke Francis	John Roberts	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Matthew Hirst	Declan Dear
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Charlie Payne	Patrick Walsh	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lee Burgess	Craig Burgess
NR4	Driver	Co-Driver	N3	Driver	Co-Driver
1 <sup>st</sup>	Jon Ross	Martin Auskerin	1 <sup>st</sup>	James Giddings	Sion Cunliff
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ron Hall		2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mathew Tordoff	Tim Tordoff
3 <sup>rd</sup>			3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ewan Tindall	Paul Hudson
B12	Driver	Co-Driver	B11	Driver	Co-Driver
1 <sup>st</sup>	Colin Griffiths	Gavin Heseltine	1 <sup>st</sup>	Robert Dennis	Kevin Booth
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Damian Pratts	Jonny Evans	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Robert Bradley	Mike Ainsworth
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tim Phelps	Elwyn Manuel	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Geoff Phelps	Andrew Boswell
B10/R2	Driver	Co-Driver	H4	Driver	Co-Driver
1 <sup>st</sup>	Robert Vardy	Ian Bevan	1 <sup>st</sup>	Tom Coughtrie	-
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tony Simpson	Steven Davey			
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Will Graham	Frankie Hillman			
H3	Driver	Co-Driver	H1/2	Driver	Co-Driver
1 <sup>st</sup>	Jeremy Wells	Mike Crawford	1 <sup>st</sup>	Barry Jordan	Paul Wakely
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Steve Ward	-			

## BTRDA 1400 CHAMPIONSHIP - CLASS AWARDS

1400S	Driver	Co-Driver	1400C	Driver	Co-Driver
1 <sup>st</sup>	Tommi Meadows	Simon Jones	1 <sup>st</sup>	Perry Gardener	-
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Stuart Spyer	Emma Morrison			
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Richard Cole	Phil King			

## BTRDA RALLY FIRST - CLASS AWARDS

	Driver	Co-Driver	1400C	Driver	Co-Driver
1 <sup>st</sup>	Guy Butler	-	1 <sup>st</sup>	Sam Johnson <sup>#</sup>	-
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wesley Gilford	-	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mark Cox	-

<sup>#</sup> 1 free Rally First Entry

BTRDA Rally First Junior Driver – Sam Johnson Junior Co-Driver – Liam Johnson

## BTRDA Rallye R2 Cup

Champion Driver	George Lepley	Champion Co-Driver	Tom Woodburn
Second Driver	Robert Vardy	Second Co-driver	Keaton Williams
Third Driver	Tony Simpson	Third Co-driver	Ian Bevan

## FIESTA ST TROPHY

Champion Driver	James Giddings*	Champion Co-Driver	Sion Cunliff
Second Driver	Mathew Tordoff	Second Co-driver	Tim Tordoff
Third Driver	Ewan Tindall	Third Co-driver	Paul Hudson

## Special BTRDA Trophies awarded by the BTRDA Rallies Committee To be announced at the awards evening

- ◆ Ian Butcher Trophy (best performance in 1<sup>st</sup> season)
- ◆ Mickey Dee Trophy (Special Award)
- ◆ Bill Turner Trophy for best BTRDA event of the year
- ◆ Richie Holfeld Maximum Attack Trophy
- ◆ Rally Man of the Year (Phil Price Trophy)
- ◆ The John Gott Trophy; a Special Award presented on behalf of the BTRDA

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## MSA ENGLISH RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

Champion Driver	Ian Joel	Champion Co-Driver	Graeme Wood
Second Overall	George Lepley	Second Overall	Darren Garrod

E2	Driver	Co-Driver	E3	Driver	Co-Driver
1 <sup>st</sup>	Dave Brick	Toby Brick	1 <sup>st</sup>	Bob Vardy	Tom Woodburn
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tommi Meadows	Jim Lewis	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tony Simpson	Keaton Williams
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Chris Powell	Peter Williams	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Roger Nevitt	Ian Bevan
E4	Driver	Co-Driver	E5	Driver	Co-Driver
1 <sup>st</sup>	Ernie Graham	Robin Kellard	1 <sup>st</sup>	Damian Pratts	Jonny Evans
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Andy Davison	Tom Murphy	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Allan McDowall	Gavin Heseltine
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Barry Jordan	Paul Wakely	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Tim Phelps	Elwyn Manuel
E6	Driver	Co-Driver	E7	Driver	Co-Driver
1 <sup>st</sup>	Pat Naylor	Ian Lawrence	1 <sup>st</sup>	Matthew Hirst	Declan Dear
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Russ Thompson	Andy Murphy	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Lee Burgess	Craig Burgess
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ron Hall	-	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Pater Bayliss	Anthony Blyth
E8	Driver	Co-Driver			
1 <sup>st</sup>	Matt Edwards	Michael Wilkinson	First Junior Driver, £250 from Mintex - <b>George Lepley</b> First Junior Co-Driver - <b>Tom Murphy</b>		
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Stephen Petch	John Roberts			
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Luke Francis	-			

All the above awards were presented at the JORDAN ROAD SURFACING BTRDA Rally Series Awards Evening on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at the Drayton Manor Hotel, Near Tamworth, West Midlands. B78 3SA



## SCRATCHING THE SURFACE!

Newark-based Jordan Road Surfacing, title sponsors of the BTRDA Rally Series, was set up by Barry Jordan - or 'Baz' as he's universally known! - more than 25 years ago. Having worked in the industry since he left school, he now lists amongst his clients a number of blue-chip companies, including several well-known supermarkets, plus the likes of Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire County Councils. 'As a service provider, we're a one-stop shop,' says Baz. Everything, apart from the tarmac, required for their contracts is available in-house and Jordan Road Surfacing's slogan 'Working with you - not for you' obviously strikes a chord that, along with Baz' dogged determination and hard work, has seen the company evolve into the success it is today.

As a self-confessed 'petrol-head', it was Baz' involvement in rallying that culminated in the Jordan Road Surfacing sponsorship of the BTRDA Rally Series which features seven of the best forest rallies that England & Wales have to offer. Baz' love of motorsport, both on two wheels and four, dates back to his teens - indeed, this allied to a particular affinity with Ford Escorts, led to his first rally car arriving as a result of a part-exchange deal when he was 18. His initial foray into the world of competition occurred not far from home on a 'single-venue' event held at the former RAF base at Fulbeck in 1985. We're not privy to how he fared but it was the beginning of an active love affair with the sport that is as big now - if not more so - than it was then!

In the past 30+ years, any number of Escorts have passed through Baz' hands, not to mention examples of each of the ten different Mitsubishi Lancer EVOs and a Subaru Impreza formerly driven by Juha Kankkunen, the 1991/93 World Rally Champion. None has spent more than twelve months, or so, in the Jordan stable before being moved on but, when a deal for a Ford Focus World Rally Car fell through, it prompted the purchase of an 'Historic' specification Hillman Avenger. Not possessing a particularly illustrious pedigree in terms of competition, no great hopes were attached to its arrival but, four years and 68 rallies later, it's still there!

'We've had such a laugh,' says Baz, 'and it's been great fun developing it'. A 100% finishing record on all seven rounds of the 2017 BTRDA Rally Series - no mean feat in itself - saw the Avenger finish 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the two-wheel drive category, only beaten by a couple of far more powerful Ford Escorts. This year Baz and co-driver Paul Wakely, from West Wales, have concentrated on the Historic section of the Series, winning their class by a country mile and finishing runners-up in the category overall - and the smiles are still evident!

Running a company the size of Jordan Road Surfacing is a 24/7 operation that requires a huge commitment and, although acutely aware that he's in a privileged position which allows him to indulge in his passion (notwithstanding the fact that it's Baz who has engineered that situation!), he regards rallying as free time. 'When you're travelling flat out through the forests, absolute concentration is required - you can't be thinking about anything else.' So then, and only then, does work take a back seat...

As a family man, there's also a balance to be struck, but Baz thinks nothing of getting up at 5.00am on a Sunday morning, going and checking on a couple of jobs and being back home in plenty of time to take his wife out.

Perhaps, in addition to all the other attributes required to maintain such a busy and successful life, 'Juggler' should also be added to Baz' CV!.....



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Baz Jordan/Paul Wakely on their way to another class win in their Hillman Avenger  
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## **BTRDA® Sporting Trials Championship**

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Sadly as ever the printing schedule for the News does not suit our calendar, and so this Christmas issue will miss our last event, the Gloster Trial, and with it the final 2018 Championship standings.

Looking forward we have the Gloster mentioned above on December 2nd and the Gold & Silver Star Final on the same Frocester Hill site near Stroud on January 12<sup>th</sup>, followed by the Trials Dinner at the Tortworth Hotel. The Gloster will be remembered as the disastrous event in 1938 that gave rise to the BTDA, which became BTRDA in the '50s, although it was spelt Gloucester then.

The pattern this autumn has been similar for a few years now, with very small entry numbers for the early events starting in September and early October, followed by much more interest as the second half of the season gets going. One reason is that getting an entry in the Gold & Silver Star Final used to be highly valued and fiercely fought over, but with a smaller number now contesting the Championship, around 60 as against almost twice that number not many years ago, there is scarcely any competition for a place in the Final, so getting those valuable BTRDA points is not so important now.

I have mentioned Historic Sporting Trials previously. They seem to be going from strength to strength, they have two classes, one for proper old trials cars with Ford side-valve engines and cross ply tyres (Cannons and the like) and the other for pre '78 modern cars but excluding modern type engines. At a recent event they attracted 61 entries, almost twice our

largest entry. Their events are much less competitive than ours and they seem to have succeeded in creating a whole new marketplace, yet very few BTRDA sporting triallists have migrated to their events, although those that have are gaining excellent results.

One criticism of our sport has been the cost of cars being a barrier to entry but the Historics have given the lie to this as prices being paid for restored old Cannons are much higher than those of used modern trials cars, and they seem to sell as soon as they appear on the market. Other BTRDA sports such as Car Trials and Autotests are suffering from availability of cars but the same cannot be said of sporting trials as there is a vibrant market for used cars at all levels. One difference between the Historics and our Championship is the number of events. The Historics only run six against our twenty three (listed) and they are also concentrated in the South Eastern corner of England where we cover the whole country. It does open up the discussion as to whether we might be spreading ourselves too thinly?

One of our leading lights, Richard Sharp suffered a serious freak injury at a trials venue which has kept him from competing for quite a while, he was holding the parking paddock gate open when an incoming trailer caught it and flicked it off its hinges, breaking Richard's arm in several places and compressing several vertebra. We all wish him the speediest possible recovery.

As for the championship, our clubs have run eleven of the twelve rounds since the summer break with the Gloster still to go. We also ran nine of the eleven rounds in the first half, with the Peter Blankstone and the Geoff Taylor succumbing to weather problems in the wet spring, so we have run twenty with the Gloster still to go and almost certain to run. You can see the scores to date on the following pages but the highlights are Ian Wright on an unassailable total of 292 for an average of 29.2 (out of 30). Ian has also sewn up the MSA British Championship for the year. John Fack in his MSR has had an



**Ross & Bob Bruce celebrate a good climb at the  
Loughborough Trial  
Photo: csphotos.biz**

## BTRDA® Sporting Trials Championship

excellent second half with five wins, the same as Ian's total for the year so far. In the Live axle class Bob Packham has clinched the championship with a brilliant average of 24.3 out of 30. It has been notable how well the top drivers in the live axle class have performed with top ten overall positions becoming normal. Josh Veale has changed during the year from the live axle class with his superb Sherpa to the independent class with his home converted original Sherpa, which is completely different from the Sherpa Indy driven by Ian Wright and many others. His results with the new car so far are even better than his in the old car.

### Events:

**The Peter Fear, near Newent, Ross and District Motor Club, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 23 Entries.** This event was enlivened by the arrival by helicopter of David Richards of the newly re-named Motorsports UK (was MSA), on his way to Donington to present the prizes there. David has stated that grass roots motorsport will become more of a focus for the organization in future. Julian Fack had only just won the event in his Crossle when he promptly ran out of gas and had to be towed back to the paddock.

**The Charles Pollard at Uppingham, Peterborough Motor Club, on the 30<sup>th</sup> September, 22 Entries.** This very compact site provided John Fack's MSR with another win in his Autumn run.

**The John Southern in Cumbria, NPTCC, on the 7<sup>th</sup> October, a poor entry of 19.** Local driver Brian Walker's Jedi took a good win here.

**The Mercian Trial, Midlands Trials Car Club at Long Compton, 21<sup>st</sup> October, an outstanding entry of 36.** Not only a big entry but this huge event also took the Committee's Trial of the Year award. John Fack's MSR took yet another win.

**Tulley's Farm Trial at Crawley, West Sussex, on the 4<sup>th</sup> November, 27 entries, (but only 12 BTRDA, the rest were clubmen).** Chairman Stuart Beare generously offered Andrew Woodhead the chance to share his Shepa Indy and Andrew promptly thanked him by taking the win.

**Roy Fedden Trial, Bristol Motor Club at Berkeley, Glos on the 11<sup>th</sup> November, 25 entries.** This wooded venue provides a variety of sections well spread through the site. John Fack's MSR again took the win.

**Loughborough Trial near Melton Mowbray on the 18<sup>th</sup> November, 28 Entries.** This site was less damp than usual at this time of year, but clever use of the grass provided a challenge on every section. John Fack's MSR won on a single penalty, but as a measure of the level of skill required, there were four finishers in three figures, the slightest slip up being severely punished.

That's all for now, hope to see you on the hills in 2019.

**Julian Fack.**



**Josh Veale/Andrew Egger (Top)  
George & Victoria Watson (Left)  
at the Loughborough Trial  
Photos: Dave Cram**

# BTRDA® Sporting Trials Championship

## Top BTRDA Championship Positions after the Loughborough Trial

Independent Red Class											
Position	Driver	Class	Axle	Total	Best 10	Average	Events	Mercian	Tulley's Farm	Roy Fedden	Loughborough
1	Ian Wright	Red	Indi	369	292	29.2	13	28	29	d23	
2	John Fack	Red	Indi	301	280	28	11	30	27	30	30
3	Richard Sharp	Red	Indi	390	278	27.8	15				
4	Stuart Beare	Red	Indi	353	267	26.7	14		d25	28	R
5	Peter Fensom	Red	Indi	324	264	26.4	13	d19		d18	28
Independent Blue Class											
1	John Cole	Blue	Indi	316	214	21.4	16	d15		21	
2	Barry Hogg	Blue	Indi	169	169	24.14	7				
3	Nick Speed	Blue	Indi	139	139	23.17	6			25	
4	Mike Readings	Blue	Indi	125	125	17.86	7	13		17	
5	Alan Murton	Blue	Indi	118	118	19.67	6			16	
Live Red Class											
1	Brian Thornton	Red	Live	146	146	29.2	5				
2	Roger Bricknell	Red	Live	90	90	30	3				30
Live Blue Class											
1	Bob Packham	Blue	Live	268	268	29.78	9	30			29
2	Arthur Carroll	Blue	Live	257	257	28.56	9	27	30	30	28
Rookie Class											
1	Mike Storrar	Rookie	Indi	161	154	15.4	11	8	20	10	9
2	Sam Beare	Rookie	Live	132	132	14.67	9		19	14	6
3	Chris Hodgson	Rookie	Indi	107	107	21.4	5				
All Live Axle Classes											
1	Bob Packham	Blue	Live	268	268	29.78	9	30			29
2	Arthur Carroll	Blue	Live	257	257	28.56	9	27	30	30	28
3	Sam Beare	Rookie	Live	240	240	26.67	9		27	28	20
4	Alan Baker	Blue	Live	218	218	27.25	8	26	26	29	26
5	Ross Bruce	Blue	Live	196	196	28	7	29	28		27
All Driver Classes											
1	Ian Wright	Red	Indi	368	292	29.2	13	28	29	d22	
2	Richard Sharp	Red	Indi	387	278	27.8	15				
3	John Fack	Red	Indi	296	275	27.5	11	30	24	30	30
4	Stuart Beare	Red	Indi	339	263	26.3	14		d22	28	R
5	Peter Fensom	Red	Indi	316	262	26.2	13	d16		d16	28
6	Jerome Fack	Red	Indi	297	257	25.7	13	d15		d7	26
7	George Watson	Red	Indi	346	238	23.8	16	d17		21	d19
8	Julian Fack	Red	Indi	225	225	25	9	20		29	23
9	Bob Packham	Blue	Live	219	219	24.33	9	24			21
10	Andy Wilks	Red	Indi	210	210	21	10	22		19	16

# BTRDA® Sporting Trials Championship



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

All Competitors												
Position	Driver	Class	Axle	Total	Best 9	Average	Events	Charles Pollard	Mercian	Tulley's Farm	Roy Fedden	Loughborough
1	Ian Wright	Red	Indi	158	127	14.11	12	d12	13	14	d7	
2	John Fack	Red	Indi	124	118	13.11	10	15	15	9	15	15
3	Richard Sharp	Red	Indi	118	109	12.11	11	11				
4	Stuart Beare	Red	Indi	103	96	10.67	11	d0		d7	13	R
5	Jerome Fack	Red	Indi	86	86	9.56	11		d0		d0	11
6	Julian Fack	Red	Indi	77	77	9.63	8	6	5		14	8
7	Josh Veale	Red	Mix	70	70	11.67	6	14	12	8		14
8	Peter Fensom	Red	Indi	70	70	7.78	9	9	1		1	13
9	George Watson	Red	Indi	77	69	7.67	12	5	d2		6	d4
10	Simon Kingsley	Red	Indi	61	61	12.2	5	13	11			
11	Bryan Walker	Red	Indi	55	55	13.75	4					12
12	Roland Uglow	Red	Indi	52	52	13	4					10
13	Ian Veale	Red	Indi	50	50	12.5	4		14		12	R
14	Andy Wilks	Red	Indi	49	49	6.13	8	4	7		4	1
15	Arthur Carroll	Blue	Live	46	46	5.75	8	2	0	13	10	5
16	Bob Packham	Blue	Live	43	43	8.6	5		9			6
17	Boyd Webster	Red	Indi	40	40	10	4		8			9
18	Nick Speed	Blue	Indi	39	39	7.8	5	7			9	
19	Martin Grimwood		Indi	39	39	7.8	5				11	2
20	Ross Bruce	Blue	Live	36	36	6	6		6	11		3
All Live Axle Classes												
1	Arthur Carroll	Blue	Live	46	46	5.75	8	2	0	13	10	5
2	Bob Packham	Blue	Live	43	43	8.6	5		9			6
3	Ross Bruce	Blue	Live	36	36	6	6		6	11		3
4	Mark Howse	Blue	Live	27	27	5.4	5	3	3	12		
5	Roger Bricknell	Red	Live	26	26	8.67	3	8				7
6	Sam Beare	Rookie	Live	20	20	2.5	8			4	0	0
7	Josh Veale	Red	Live	14	14	14	1					
8	Brian Thornton	Red	Live	12	12	6	2					
9	Steve Courts	Red	Live	11	11	5.5	2					
10	Alan Baker	Blue	Live	11	11	1.83	6	1	0	3	3	0



## Prot tyre MSA Asphalt Rally Championship

### Jason Pritchard is the 2018 Prot tyre MSA Asphalt Rally Champion after an exciting season finale

Jason Pritchard is the 2018 Prot tyre MSA Asphalt Rally Champion, after taking his third maximum points score of the season on an exciting sixth and final round of the series, the Ford Parts Cheviot Stages Rally.

Snow, sleet and torrential rain made the undulating and narrow asphalt roads of Northumberland's Otterburn Military Ranges extremely slippery, yet on their first visit to the venue Jason and co-driver Phil Clarke delivered another masterclass performance in their North Road Garage Ford Focus WRC05 to clinch the title.

Winning the series is extra special for Jason and the Pritchard family, as it is 30 years since his father Eian narrowly missed out on clinching the Asphalt title on Otterburn – in the same year the 2018 champion was born. It's also Jason's fourth major rally title in as many years, having previously won a record-breaking three MSA British Historic Rally Championships in a row (2015, '16 and '17).

Daniel Harper was Pritchard's main rival for the title, and whoever finished ahead of the other on Otterburn would become drivers' champion; providing either one of them finished the event. When Harper and co-driver Chris Campbell crashed their Minisport-run John Cooper Works Mini WRC after aquaplaning on a particularly

treacherous section, the title was pretty much settled.

Harper's retirement also meant that Wayne Sisson/Max Freeman were confirmed as runners-up in the Asphalt Championship, having decided not to enter their AMS Arnside Motorsport Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 10 on the final round. The dropped score rule meant that they would have needed both Pritchard and Harper to retire to win the title anyway, and whatever points they'd score on Otterburn would probably have been irrelevant. It turned out to be a wise decision, and Sisson was delighted to add second overall to his Class B14 trophy.

Melvyn Evans secured fourth in the overall drivers' standings, having used three cars in the series – a Subaru Impreza WRC S12b on the Melvyn Evans Motorsport Tour of Epynt, a Ford Fiesta WRC on the Carryduff Forklift Down Rally and a Hyundai i20 R5 Old Forge Garage Mewla Rally – scoring well on all three, with Mark Glennerster co-driving.

Steve Retchless finished a fantastic fifth in the overall standings, after a superb season in his Morris Lubricants/rallo.com Ford Escort Mk2. He also won a close battle for Class B13 honours, which was incredible after he'd crashed on the Bet On Aces Manx National and had to dust the cobwebs off his road rally spec car and finish Rally van Wervik to keep his title aspirations alive.

Tim Waters, co-driven by his son Jack, finished second in B13 V6-engined Renault Sport Clio, while Ross Brusby was third, after retiring his Chesterfield Transporters-backed Ford Escort Mk2 from an incredible fourth position on Otterburn.

Kevin Harbour clinched the Class B10 drivers' title in his Dovebank Motors Citroen C2 R2, and, having sold the car, wheeled out



#### Prot tyre MSA Asphalt Rally Champions

Jason Tauber Pritchard/Phil Clarke on the Cheviot Rally

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## Protyre MSA Asphalt Rally Championship

his old Peugeot 205 GTI on the Cheviot to secure David Tortoiseshell the co-drivers' title. Rhidian Daniels/Tomos Whittle finished a strong second in class in their rapid Citroen C1 Max.

Forty years after they started competing together, Doroszczuk brothers Paul and Julian become Class B11 champions after an excellent season in their normally-aspirated Cosworth-engined Drockspeed Motorsport Escort Mk2.

The Welsh brothers were pushed hard for the title by Geoff Glover/Keith Barker in their RWD Astra, while early class leaders Phil Turner/Ian Meakin finished third in their Toovey Race Engines/ST Motorsport-backed Escort Mk2.

Mike Pugsley dominated Class B12 in his wonderful 1974 Escort Mk1 RS2000, Ed Fossey convincingly won the R2 title in his Yokohama Peugeot, Geoff Wright won the R5 title in his Booth Construction Fiesta S2000 and Stuart Anderson won the H3 class in his Vauxhall Chevette HSR.

In the battle for the two 1400 classes, Bill Paynter/Andy Hollingham are the 1400C champions in their Hilka-backed Peugeot 106 Rallye, while Lloyd Morgan/Marc Clatworthy clinched the 1400S title in their Manx debut in their Euro Tech Roofing/Dynamic Fluids-backed Nissan Micra.

The 2018 Protyre MSA Asphalt Rally Championship Gala Prize-giving recently took place at the beautiful Billesley Manor Hotel, near Stratford upon Avon, where a great turn out of competitors collected their trophies. Mike Puglsey was presented with the Tony Davies Award for 'Driver of the Year' and the Carryduff Forklift Down Rally won Event of the Year – both awards selected by Championship Co-ordinator, Jane Evans.

The return of the Protyre MSA Asphalt Rally Championship was a huge success – with an impressive 116 registered competitors entered and the overall and several class titles decided on the final round.



The series also benefited from a dedicated media service, website and social media platforms – and a live Facebook streaming service from every round, that reached a total audience of almost 650,000 people. Edited rally highlights were broadcast on Motorsport TV, Front Runner and Motor Trend On Demand channels, as well as on the Special Stage YouTube page and App and on RallyFM.net. The live streaming service will continue in 2019.

The 2019 Protyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship calendar will be officially announced soon, with continuity and stability key to what's expected to be a very similar line up.



### On the Cheviot Rally

1400C Class Winner Bill Paynter  
with Andy Hall (top)

Class B13 winners Steve  
Retchless/Sasha Heriot (bottom)

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## Protyre MSA Asphalt Rally Championship

**Protyre MSA Asphalt Rally Championship – Top 10 Drivers' Overall (after Round 6 of 6)**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jason Pritchard....	141pts
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Wayne Sisson....	126pts
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Daniel Harper....	113pts
4 <sup>th</sup>	Melvyn Evans....	83pts
5 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Retchless....	83pts
6 <sup>th</sup>	Rhidian Daniels....	81pts
7 <sup>th</sup>	Stephen Simpson	80pts
8 <sup>th</sup>	Paul Doroszczuk....	80pts
9 <sup>th</sup>	Geoff Glover....	77pts
10 <sup>th</sup>	Barry Groundwater	75pts

### Class Champions

Class	Driver	Co-driver
<b>B10</b>	Kevin Harbour	David Tortoisshell
<b>B11</b>	Paul Doroszczuk	Julian Doroszczuk
<b>B12</b>	Mike Pugsley	Marc Clatworthy
<b>B13</b>	Steve Retchless	Sasha Heriot
<b>B14</b>	Wayne Sisson	Max Freeman
<b>B15</b>	Jason Pritchard	Phil Clarke
<b>R2</b>	Ed Fossey	Chris Sharpe-Simkiss
<b>R5</b>	Geoff Wright	Chris Sanderson
<b>H3</b>	Stuart Anderson	
<b>1400C</b>	Bill Paynter	Andy Hollingham
<b>1400S</b>	Lloyd Morgan	Marc Clatworthy

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# SPECIAL AWARDS 2017 WINNERS

Rhys Yates

## The Stross Rally Trophy

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

## The Jack Twyford Trophy

Tom Cave

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

## The John Gott Memorial Trophy

Gill Cotton

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

## The Patricia Baldwin Trophy

Not awarded

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

## The Automobile Club de Monaco Trophy

Robert Dennis

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

# HONORARY MEMBERS FOR LIFE

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

**PHIL and JANET DARBYSHIRE:** Phil and Janet have been actively associated with the BTRDA since the 1960's, and both served on the Autotest Committee and since the Mid. 70's on the Allrounders Committee. Phil is still a member of Council and has served on the Rallycross committee since 1984. Additionally they have been involved in the production of the BTRDA News

**BRIAN and MARGARET STAPLETON:** Though almost exclusively with Sporting Trials Committee, Brian and Margaret have also served the Association since 1974 with Brian acting as Committee Secretary and Margaret as a co-ordinator for the Sporting Trials Dinner. Both continue to take an active interest in the BTRDA.

**MIKE and HAZEL STEPHENS:** Mike has been involved in BTRDA activities for over 40 years, primarily concerned with the Production Car Trial committee and was its champion many times over, but also as secretary to the Rallies committee during the period of greatest development of both road and special stage championships. Chairmanship of the Association was taken up in 1982, and only relinquished in 1988 to the more demanding role of General Secretary until 2004. Hazel has been in charge of the organisation of the AGM and Awards Presentation day from 1988 until 2013, and between them, their household has looked after the distribution and posting of News and Clear Round since the early 1980's. They continue to be involved with various activities of the Association.

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

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

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

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

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

**Allrounders**

**Autotest**

**Car Trial**

**Forest Rally Driver**

**Forest Rally Co-Driver**

**Rallycross**

**Sporting Trial**

**John Fox**

**Richard Pinkney**

**Shawn Franklin**

**Stephen Petch**

**Michael Wilkinson**

**Jeff Hope-Davies**

**Ian Wright**

## ***AutoSolo Championship***

**Jamie Yapp**



**Neil Jones**

**2018 AutoSolo Champion**

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