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**Simon Harris Chasing Allrounders
and Car Trial Points**

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President's Notes Summer 2019

I remember, a few years ago, the BTRDA ran a competition with Motorsport News to find a new young driver who had no competition experience. The winner would win the use of a Nissan Micra, fully paid for, in our Autosolo and Car Trial events. It was the idea of Nick Pollitt and we had the finals at the Bill Gwynne Rally School.

One of the young competitors asked me where our head office was and if we had any jobs going! It was a very flattering question really as he thought that this was our "day job", a professional organisation for the purpose of running motor sport. I put him right pointing out that although our aim was to run championships and events in a professional manner we were all volunteers and many of us had taken a day off work to organise the event for them.

This story came to my mind a few days ago when Ian Arden phoned to say that he had been approached by Pace Note Magazine to see if we could provide copy for an article that they wanted to put in their July edition featuring the BTRDA Rally Championships over the years, to fill some 20 pages! After consulting the many key members we thought we could do it, although it was to be some big task. We asked for them to include articles on the Asphalt Championship as well as other of our sports to get the message across that we are not just a rally association.

The main problem was that we had just two weeks to do it but with a lot of help from members and a few favours called in from outside, we have been able to piece it together. As I write this article I have not seen the finished articles but I have seen a few and hope that we shall be able to put some, if not all on our websites for you to read.

For those members who do not know about Pace Notes magazine, it is a monthly magazine published from Northern Ireland and is a really great magazine. I have found it difficult to get from my local shops so get it on subscription, so if you want to see more you can go to their website www.rallymagazine.com. They feature all our rally events, both forest and asphalt in detail on a regular basis.

If you are wondering who won that competition to find a young driver, it was John Fox who is still a member of BTRDA and has since gone on to win both our Autosolo and Allrounders Championships, so we picked the right guy.

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LOW DOWN TORQUE

Hooray! The 2019 CT Championship is up and running, albeit not as originally envisaged. Before the Devon & Somerset double-header re-emerged over the spring bank holiday weekend, we kicked the season off with another fully-subscribed Ivinghoe Spring Trial near Dunstable. In the meantime, work was frantically taking place in N Wales (and wider afield) to rebuild the June double-header after we lost the MAS trial at short notice. The two national championships, together with club and regional championships, are indebted to a small number of key individuals who managed to create an event out of nowhere to provide a full weekend of car trials.

An interesting feature of the Golden Springs trial was the inclusion of an experimental "SUV" class. Our committee has yet to debate this particular niche in the trialling world, but suffice

to say there are tremendous numbers of this type of vehicle out there and in standard form they aren't suited to the rugged world of 4wd trials. More on this in due course!

In the meantime, we will be co-ordinating thoughts on whether any changes need to be made to the current class structures (for 2wd cars) and what can we do to "reach out" to hitherto untapped markets for new, or returning, drivers. There's still time to put any comments forward, preferably by email to the address below.

Enjoy your trialling, and best wishes.

Neil Mackay

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Falcon Motor Club Spring Trial, 14th April 2019

The delayed start of our 2019 season was held at the excellent Ivinghoe site. Last years event was oversubscribed at 50 entrants – so I think most national contenders were quick off the mark with their entries.

As always at the start of the season there was a nervousness around the paddock as most drivers resumed action after the winter lay off. The Woolbridge due of Andy Webb and Mark Hoppé however had come straight from the

successful Woolbridge trials championship season so were not too rusty.

The entry in nationals was slightly diluted by the change in licencing requirements for regional championships – maybe this is an unthought about impact on the encouragement of regional contenders.....

Nevertheless, we had entries of 5 in class 1 (Barrie Parker switching at the last minute after problems with the Westfield) a remarkable 8 in class 2 – however 2 nonstarters whittled it down to 6 and 6 in class 3.

The day was predominantly dry, and the clerk was certainly going to have his hands full to stop the class 3 cars.

All the nationals started together at hill 1 – possibly causing a slower running trial than some. What it did allow was a chance for most to get the lay of the land at the expense of the early runners!

Hill 1 was relatively straight forward – with a tricky tight finish. Most scored 4 or less – so the rust was starting to come off.



Barrie Parker at the Windwhistle Trial
Photo: Duncan Stephens

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Hill 2 was a bit tougher with scores ranging from 0 to 9.

Hill 3 was a usual hill – long bumpy, nasty right hander in to a long climb across a bumpy camber. Scores started to fall a bit – however Hoppé and Dave Oliver were going clean on all hills still.

At hill 4 we lost our first driver – long distance traveller Andy Webb from Weymouth has the Alfa throw a fan belt – into the cambelt and it stopped instantly. (The result was 14 bent valves- which Andy had back out just 2 weeks later – only to blow the gearbox)

Hill 5 was a bumpy climb and a bit greasy which caught a few out. Hill 5 an old favourite with a big yump at the 2-1 marker giving great wheelie opportunities for many cars Hill 6 was a weave up the very steepest part of the valley and 7 was similar. Hill 8 was up and down with some technical positioning required late on.

At lunch the classes saw the top 2 as follows –

Class 1 Trevor Moffatt 22, Barrie Parker 30

Class 2 Garry Preston and Rupert North 12 each

Class 3 Mark Hoppé and Dave Oliver – still clean

After lunch hill 1 became extremely challenging and it saw everybody on at least a 7, except Dave Oliver in the Imp who grabbed a 1-point advantage over Hoppés Dutton.

However, Hoppé struck back with a clean versus Dave's 9 on hill 2 – a double ledge which stopped both Imps – Special mention to Ifan "Mike" Roberts who took the Phaeton to a great 2

Rupert North dropped the ball with an errant 8 and allowed Garry to stretch away in the on form Fiat. So, at the start of round 4 it was virtually



Neil MacKay at the Windwhistle Trial
Photo: Duncan Stephens

settled for the wins with Trevor, Garry and Mark having strong leads.

At the end and with the totting up completed, it was a win overall to Mark Hoppé – his first win at the event with a 73% index versus Garry on 86%. Trevor took the class 1 honours in the Corsa.

Ifan Roberts beat father Kevin – much to the mirth of Team Trialling Chumps – but shows just how much Ifan has improved in just 12 months.

Overall an enjoyable event with a good start to the season.

Many thanks to the organisers, marshals and competitors for making it happen.

1. Mark Hoppé, Dutton Melos, 73%
2. Garry Preston, Fiat 127, 86
3. Trevor Moffatt, Vauxhall Corsa, 91
4. Colin Reid, VW Golf GTi, 106
5. Dave Oliver, Hillman Imp, 121
6. Rupert North, Rover Mini, 133
7. Barrie Parker, Fiat Cinquento, 136
8. Neil Mackay, Fiat Panda, 150
9. Steve Courts, Hillman Imp, 161
10. John Wadsworth, Ford KA, 180

Mark Hoppé

Windwhistle Motor Clubs's Spring Trial, 25th May

Saturday the 25th May saw the first running of The Spring Trial as a BTRDA/MSA Championship qualifying round. This was their third attempt to beat the weather which had thwarted them so far. The venue was

Parkhayne Farm near Colyton in Devon which provided a spacious and scenic venue with a lot of gradient and undulation which made a challenging venue for was to be a dry trial.

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The National B entry was down on numbers but this was more than made up for by the quality of entrants with at least two former MSA and several former BTRDA champions amongst them.

There were eight hills laid out with changes made to most of them on each of the five rounds with Duncan's hill as usual providing the most challenges. The forty hills made for an exhausting day for those more used to the normal thirty six.

Class 1: the newer car non ballast class was taken by Henry Kitchen from Trevor Moffat the low entry in this class limited Henry's index on improvement to 100%

Class 2: was taken by Gary Preston who loaned his Fiat 127 to Rich Harrison for a double drive. This didn't seem to hamper him as he pulled out a twenty point class lead and an improvement index of 83%. Rupert was second in his trusty yellow Mini with Simon Harris third in his diesel Lupo.

Class 3 saw Barrie Parker return his Westfield to the championship having sorted out the gremlins which had prevented it's appearance on the first championship round.

Mark Hoppe in his Dutton Melos was to lead this class for most of the day and take overall honours for the Nation B event with a scratch score of 24 and an improvement index of 72.6%. This left Barrie winning the class and John Charles second in his beautifully turned out Liege .

The Clubman's section provided an extra eight welcome entries and some interesting vehicles with double drives in a Scimitar SS1 and a Suzuki X-90 both in Class 3. The winner in the Clubman's came from the more normal Class 1 with Garry Morris in a Corsa taking overall.

Thanks go to Windwhistle MC for putting on a very worthy Championship round .

Richard Harrison

Derwydd Car Trial 2019, 1st June

Bala and district motor clubs Derwydd event is the first of the two events that make up the first Welsh week, straight after the rescheduled Somerset weekend before, four events back to back! Great fun!

It nearly didn't happen after the Mathews Auto Salvage trail was cancelled, but thankfully Bala MC stepped in to fill the void and put on both days.

Saturday morning saw an early start and the two and a half hour drive to the venue, the weather

was a little mixed but it did manage to stay dry for Saturday.

Bala MC put on some cracking food during the day, a bacon roll in the morning is most welcome and the Lamb burgers at lunch were brilliant.

I have been driving on my own of late without an passenger (bouncer) for while now but after a fellow comperters car failed to work properly before the event started I got a friend for the day and weekend in Ifan "Mike" Roberts a 15 year old who normally shares a Dutton with his dad Kevin "Kev Block". Driving RWD and FWD are

too very different things but I feel he adapted well, especially with the Mini not being the most forgiving of cars to drive. Like many forms of motorsport if there's a problem with a fellow competitors cars everyone helps out to see if they can get it going again, or as in this case shares a car with them. I do wonder how many different people have had a go in my car over the years?

After the formalities of scrutineering and signing on were sorted out, it was



Ifan Roberts driving Rupert North's Mini
Photo: Simon Harris

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off to the 8 hills for the day which were to be tackled 4 times. Longish wet grass which was to dry out as the day wore on but it would make the first round very tricky.

The hills set out had some tough starts, short run ups into a prolonged climb and some tricky off camber sections to deal with. I was the "first on" which means everyone get to see my mistakes or which line isn't working, as I trundled round racking up a huge amount of marks dropped I thought it was a disaster! I've dropped less on entire events than I did on the first round, 42, but turned out it was actually a good score as the others in class 2 struggled on behind me. The battle in class 1 on 3, was a lot closer with the top 2 contenders in each class separated by 1 mark.

Round 2 felt a lot better, nice to see the top of some of the sections and halving my round 1 score but a hard charging Gary Preston, my closest rival for the day, had closed up on me by 4 marks. The battle in the other classes was too tight to call with everyone separated by very small amounts.

Lunch break is a good time to catch up with all the news after being spread out over the sections all the tales of woe or success are exchanged. I Was a bit concerned to be losing marks to Gary, if it's 4 marks a round that puts me behind at the end of the next 2 rounds. Work to be done!!

This point in the event is a good time to reflect on why driving a car up between 26 posts over and over again is a challenging sport, from the outside if you try to explain it to people it seems a little boring, compared to rallying or circuit racing for example, but the competition is still there, and bloody fierce competition too, having to hang onto a 4 mark lead for 16 hills isn't that easy, it requires concentration and a steady

hand. It can all be make or break on every section, one false move and it's all over. To be honest my results haven't been much to write home about recently and I wasn't all that confident I could hang on to slim lead.

So off into round 3 and 4 we went, my pessimism after lunch was misplaced and I managed to extend my lead over the next 2 rounds instead of watch it disappear.

The hills had been tweaked all day and there was a few squeaky bum moments over some fresh slippery grass but managed to keep it together.

The tight battles in the other classes meant working out who won, was going to be a little tricky, no one was a clear winner.....

Turned out it was me! And by a truly tiny margin of 0.55% on the index of performance calculation (that's a whole article by itself!). So narrowly beat class 1's Henry Kitching to the top spot. Bala had some great awards to present, handmade wooden maps of Wales on plinths with the award information written on them.

The class winners were Henry Kitching in class 1 beating Trevor Moffat after a day long tussle, and Mark Hoppé in class 3, almost tied on scores with Barrie Parker apart from a singular 10 on one hill on the third round round. Ifan "Mike" Roberts won the novice award for his efforts on the day.

A most enjoyable event in a lovely place with lovely people, totally worth the journey. A huge thanks to Bala Motor Club for putting the event on.

Rupert North

Blodyn Aur Trial, 2nd June 2019

With the late cancellation on the Anglesey trial Bala and District Motor Club stepped in to save the first welsh weekend of 2019. Entries on the previous day were down slightly but there was still reasonable turn out. The Blodyn Aur trial was held at the same venue for the Derwydd Trial on the previous day and utilised the same

hills with a little variation. The lower field was again used after its introduction last year.

The forecast for Sunday promised heavy rain all day but we were fortunate to only have occasional light rain. However, it was enough to cause a few issues on a some corners on what were otherwise dry hills.

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The morning rounds saw Trevor Moffatt take a 6 point over Henry Kitching with Graham Price a further 13 points behind in Class 1. Garry Preston with a 6-point lead over Rupert North and Sion Rhisiart a close 3 points further behind in Class 2 which was enough to take the half time lead on index. Mark Hoppé lead with a 2-point lead over Kevin Roberts with Barrie Parker 5 points further in Class 3.

The afternoon rounds saw Trevor Moffatt and Henry Kitching trade mistakes with posts being hit left and right on some tight corners in the drying conditions. It turned out to be who committed less mistakes took the day in class 1. Trevor managed to hang onto his lunch time lead and finished the day only 4 points less than Henry. Graham Price had a good afternoon and maintained the gap to Henry and finished 3rd in class.

In Class 2 Garry Preston was able to extend his lead over to 8 points despite Rupert North claiming points back on some hills. Sion Rhisiart dropped a few more points against the leaders in the class but finished a comfortable 3rd.

Mark Hoppé again showed his dominance in Class 3 by only dropping 4 points all afternoon allowing him to extended his lead over nearest competitors Kevin Roberts and Barrie Parker. This was enough to reverse the lunch time positions on index and give Mark Hoppé another overall win.

The event was slightly over shadowed with a freak event on hill 4 in round 4 with a car sliding back down the hill and dropping off a 4-foot rock ledge and over turning. Fortunately, the driver suffered only minor strains and sprains but the car I fear is terminal. The hill was then cancelled by the organisers and all competitors given a clean on that hill for the last round.

It's written on all the notices when you go and compete and it says 'Motorsport can be dangerous'. Car trials is no exception and let's hope this serves as a reminder what care we all need to take when either organising or competing in these events.

Trevor Moffatt

Wyre Forest Car Trial Kidderminster Motor Car Club, 9th June 2019

A couple of inches of rain over the few days leading into the trial – including while the hills were being set out on the Saturday – made for some interesting conditions for the good entry.

Class One welcomed back Tim Beard, now in a Ka, along with three or four new members in some varied machinery – four diesel Lupo/Arosas among them. Henry Kitching and

Trevor Moffatt's Corsas were expected to be the pace setters though, and so it proved, with Trevor eking out a small lead of four at the end of the first round, but being beaten by six on round two to take lunch two points behind. Steve Hoskins (Arosa) had some great climbs on round two to be in front of Tim Beard and John Wadsworth (Ka) at lunch.

Class Two had at least six potential winners from the nine starters – it was going to be tight. So close it was thought, that the class would probably be won by the driver making fewest mistakes. Four cars with single figure totals on round one, and six cars with totals in the twenties for round two proves the point. 28, 30, 32, 33 & 34 for the top five at lunch. Phil Buckle lead in his Saxo, with Simon Harris (back in his Golf), Garry Preston (Fiat 127), Colin Reid (Golf) and Ray



Gary Preston at the Derwydd Trial
Photo: Simon Harris

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Jacobs (Saxo) following closely. It was day for trickling carefully and trusting the engine to keep pulling. Colin overdid it once and stalled at the 7 marker on hill seven to drop him from the lead. Rupert North wasn't enjoying the conditions where the weight of car was making a difference rather than the size of car.

In Class Three, Mark Hoppé was having a 'mare in his Dutton. At least two errors, maybe three, dropped him twelve marks into fourth place in the class of five at lunch, while Barrie Parker (usual Westfield) and Dave Oliver (usual Imp) went serenely on their way up most hills.

During the lunch period, most of us were watching the approaching rain – some of us wanted to see it intimately, while others were in trepidation. Would we miss it altogether? Er, no. It didn't miss us. There was about twenty minutes of fairly heavy rain, when virtually everybody retreated into their cars/vans. But what Mark Hoppé was doing to his car during this time, few knew. Must have been important to be out in that deluge without seeking refuge. Whatever he was doing, it seemed to work wonders as, although he would have learned from seeing others drive (he was now running last on the hills), he was almost unstoppable and was closing on the class leaders. Dave and Barrie traded marks on most hills after lunch, with Barrie blinking first with an expensive error on the evil Hill Six. This allowed Dave Oliver to take the Class win and Mark to close up to within three points of Barrie at the end. It was close enough (26, 31 & 34) for their index to be not in contention for the overall win.

Simon was first on the hills in Class Two for the afternoon, doubtless hoping (in vain) for another heavy shower. The first five hills went brilliantly for him, but the next two contained costly errors and he lost eleven marks to Ray and Phil to drop out of contention. Colin and Garry made one mistake each here and it was proving to be the number of errors which was going to matter. On

the final round, Garry at last got to grips with the conditions and had a great finish. Colin still couldn't get over the hump at hill seven, and nor could Phil, while Simon, Garry and Ray got it right. To rub salt into the wounds, Ray, along with Colin and Phil, climbed the final hill of the day. Least mistakes (about none, actually) went to Ray Jacobs and the class win. The next four were split by just six marks – Phil, Colin, Garry and Simon, in that order. Kevin and Ivan Roberts were debuting the former Gold Star winning Saxo of Shawn Franklin – strange to see them driving slowly and quietly in front wheel drive. Sion Griffith had a tough learning day in the conditions in his Micra with Dad passengering.

Class One positions didn't change much during the afternoon, with Henry easing out to a lead of 26 by the end. Trevor was safe in second, while the closest battle all day was between Steve Hoskins (still a newcomer to trialling) and Tim Beard (in his new car). Eventually, Steve took third spot by just two marks. Among all the front wheel drive cars in class one, there was Trevor Clarke in his mid-engined MG TF – certainly not disgraced in seventh place.

There were some tough hills as well as a few slightly easier ones. There was accurate and friendly marshalling, as you would expect from Kidderminster. A grand day out.

With the closeness of the scores in classes two and three, it was no surprise that the winner on index came from Class One. Congratulations to Henry Kitching on an excellent drive.

1 st Overall	Henry Kitching	Vauxhall Corsa	99	68%
1 st in Class 1	Trevor Moffatt	Vauxhall Corsa	125	86%
1 st in Class 2	Ray Jacobs	Citroen Saxo	70	83%
1 st in Class 3	Dave Oliver	Hillman Imp	26	91%

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Scorer's Snippets 11th June

We have a few more new Car Trial registrations to welcome this time, so we have 32 registered contenders compared to 27 last year. It's a warm welcome to Sion Griffith (Anglesey), Philip Traynor (North Wales), Ros & Graham Price

(Abergavenny) and Brian Ashley (W. Midlands) to BTRDA Car Trials, and to the re-joining Richard Harrison – all of whom have been out there competing.

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The second attempt at running the Spring and Golden Springs Trials on a late May weekend was successful with good entries. Although it made for a very congested calendar with the early Welsh weekend just a week later and Kidderminster's Wyre Forest Trial a further week again. All were well supported, so although it may not be ideal, it could be acceptable again in times of strife. Five major championship events in 16 days; Phew! On a personal note, I've just completed a nine event stint in four different disciplines over six weekends. Time to give my Volkswagens a rest for a few weeks now, methinks.

We're just over half way through the series now, so we've a fair idea of who is going to be towards the top end of the tables.

The Bronze Star® championship is looking healthier than a couple of years ago, with 14 contenders in the mix. John Charles and Ifan (Mike) Roberts have competed at all seven events and are leading, but Graham Price is scoring well, so he'll be driving one of his Volkswagens into contention shortly.

In similar fashion, Trevor Moffatt and Kevin Roberts have been at all the events, so are

leading Silver Star®. John Wadsworth is competing more than me it seems, and Neil Mackay keeps on having holidays, so maybe the top two will be unchallenged. We'll see. Steve Courts has been out of action for a short while, but I'm sure he'll be galloping up those hills with his new knee in a few weeks.

In the Mac Hazlewood and Gold Star table, there are the usual protagonists at the top. It is going to be too close to call going into the Final, I can tell. It is pleasing to note that we have nine contenders who have already qualified for the Final at the Orchard on 13th October. With the increase in registered contenders, let's hope we get over twenty qualifiers this year. Although it only takes competing on five events to qualify, there will be six scores to count at the great adding up!

The championship scores are on the BTRDA website – and they are usually updated by noon the day after an event. They are also displayed at most events – the ones I go to anyway! Alternatively, I can e-mail you a copy if so desired; contact details are inside the front cover of this BTRDA News.

Simon Harris



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From The Hot Seat

As I write this we are already halfway through the season, with 6 of the 12 rounds now completed, and, despite an encouraging start with the Hagley event attracting 33 entries, subsequent events have been poorly supported with most entries only being in the mid-teens. This is a major concern for the Championship as, with the growing difficulty in finding venues, not to mention personnel, the viability of some events is in question and subsequently they may disappear from our calendar in the future if they are not supported by competitors. Hopefully the second half of the year will see an improvement as we have 40 registered contenders.

Regarding the events, Hagley and Hereford stuck to their traditional venues whilst Boundless again took up the offer from VSCC to run at Silverstone. Newcomer Rhyl made a good attempt in running their first Championship event for many years and with a bit more assistance should prove a worthy addition. Wolverhampton suffered from a last-minute venue issue and creditably found a new one at short notice, but it would appear that the dreaded "noise issue" means that it is unlikely to be available to them next year. Loughborough took advantage of Coventry Motofest to acquire a new site under the Ring Road, which bought back memories of Owen's Masshouse Circus events with some very solid concrete pillars to negotiate. Ongoing, other new venues are; Alwoodley are moving to Acaster airfield, South

of Scotland are yet to confirm, and Whitchurch will be running at Demon Tweeks.

The lack of numbers has done nothing to detract from the competition with the "hard core" of competitors fighting tooth and nail for honours. To date we have had four different FTD winners with Alastair Moffatt the current favourite with three from four events, but he has Malcolm Livingston, Chris Chapman and, much to everyone's delight, Willie Keaning snapping at his heels. Without doubt Willie is the star of the year so far, being a shadow of his former self having lost four stone, and now being as one with the Striker, which he obviously delights in driving, resulting in him leading the Championship at the halfway point.

Elsewhere Kelsie Gillespie continues to impress and leads the Silver Star, whilst Charlie Lower leads the Bronze and the Mini Class. Class-wise Warren Gillespie has been a tour de force to head the Saloon Class and Paul Fobister has made the most of the warring Specials with consistency to be in front of that Class at this point of the season. In the Sportscar Class Chris and Ian Chapman, Steve Morten and Dave Evans have done their utmost to keep up with Willie at the front of the Class, helped by the demise of Richard Pinkney's engine at the Boundless event.

Engine breakages have been a bit of a theme this year with Malcom Livingston starting the run with a dropped valve at Hereford and then, having been repaired, the engine then ingested a screw from the carburettor at Silverstone, this subsequently resulted in a piston breakup during preparation for Rhyl. A replacement engine was found, thanks to Warren, to serve for Wolverhampton and Loughborough, but the original should be back in place for Alwoodley. Richard's failure was similarly catastrophic and sent him looking for a Ford replacement, however Facebook shows that a shopping spree in Northern Ireland has resulted in an



Willie Keaning at the Loughborough Autotest
Photo: Simon Wood

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alternative solution with the acquisition of Ashley Lamont's very rapid Westfield – watch this space for fireworks for the rest of the season!

Finally, best wishes to Dave Mosey who has had to drop out after the first two events, at which he was very competitive as ever, due to illness. We

hope that you will be back before the end of the season, or at least in time for the Wharton.

Steve Layton

Championship Positions after Round 6 Loughborough Car Club

	Gold Star		
1	Willie Keaning	Striker 1800	100
2	Paul Fobister	Fobby Special 1600	94
3	Chris Chapman	Striker 1700	87
4	Ian Chapman	Xmoor Riot 1700	86
5	Warren Gillespie	Nova 1800	80
6	Dave Evans	Striker 1600/Riot 2000	79
7	Alastair Moffatt	Mini Special 1400	78
8	Steve Morten	Striker 1800	75
9	Malcolm Livingston	Lindsay Special 1600	68
10	Charlie Lower	Mini 1380	48
	Silver Star		
1	Kelsey Gillespie	Nova 1800	47
2	Murray Walker	Nova 1600	36
3	Charlie Lower	Mini 1380	35
4	Stuart Perren	Retrotester 1590	32
5	Helen Perren	Retrotester 1590	15
	Bronze Star		
1	Charlie Lower	Mini 1380	35
2	Helen Perren	Retrotester 1590	15
3	Ash Slights	Mini 1400	9
4	Bob Milligan	Austin Mini 1275	6
5	Steven Haigh	Westfield 1700	4
	CLASS A		
1	Charlie Lower	Mini 1380	47
2	Dave Fox	Mini 1600	29
3	Ash Slights	Mini 1400	8
	CLASS B		
1	Warren Gillespie	Nova 1800	60
2	Kelsey Gillespie	Nova 1800	49
3	Murray Walker	Nova 1600	36

	CLASS C		
1	Willie Keaning	Striker 1800	53
2	Chris Chapman	Striker 1700	46
3	Ian Chapman	Xmoor Riot 1700	44
4	Steve Morten	Striker 1800	41
5	Dave Evans	Striker 1600	34
	CLASS D		
1	Paul Fobister	Fobby Special 1600	51
2	Alastair Moffatt	Mini Special 1400	38
3	Malcolm Livingston	Lindsay Special 1600	37
4	Stuart Perren	Retrotester 1590	32
5	Duncan Wild	ABS Freestyle	21
	CLASS H		
1	Kelsey Gillespie	Nova 1800	55
2	Charlie Lower	Mini 1380	50
	CLASS J		
1	Paul Fobister	Fobby Special 1600	113
2	Ian Chapman	Xmoor Riot 1700	109
3	Dave Evans	Striker 1600	105
4	Steve Morten	Striker 1800	104
5	Stuart Perren	Retrotester 1590	76
	CLASS L		
1	Kelsey Gillespie	Nova 1800	57
2	Helen Perren	Retrotester 1590	30

**Bob Milligan
in his road legal Mini at the
Loughborough Autotest**

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Going Solo

Although our entries are down due to the event permit changes, our contenders are still having to battle hard to gain Championship point, as these are given based on overall class positions. There are still a lot of qualifying events to be run, so it is a little premature to start talking about possible Champions, however, the main contenders are starting to become apparent. In Class A Alan Wakeman (Micra), Robert Milligan (Mini) and James Hall (MG ZR) are the ones to beat, whilst in Class B Philip Turner (Puma) leads with Jamie Yapp (Clio) second, however, new parental duties are likely to infringe on his motorsport activities this year. Eddie Martin (Lancer) is a regular FTD man and dominates Class C, with Steve Conner and Jim Bryant leading Class D in their MX5s. Finally, Class E has seen the welcome return of 2016 Champion Alec Tunbridge in the Caterham 7.

Most events have been reasonably supported so far this year, although the permit rule changes have given rise to some interesting anomalies, with Bath & Bristol running a Nat B permit event alongside their Clubmans, in order to comply with the requirements of their MX5 Challenge, and some events looking to split the Clubmans results between Championship and Club competitors. It is also encouraging that we are seeing younger drivers taking part, now that they can compete from the age of 14 if they are accompanied by a suitably experienced passenger, which will hopefully encourage them into Motorsport in general. On which point it was also good to see Motorsport UK CEO Hugh Chambers sampling the sport at the Abingdon event as part of his "grass roots" initiative thanks to the offer of a co-drive in the Suzuki from Nick Pollitt and it would appear that he enjoyed himself.

Provisional Scores to 8th June 2019

				Group A					Group B					
	U25	Car	CC	2	3	4	no. events	Best 7 Scores	3	4	5	6	no. events	Best 7 Scores
CLASS A														
Alan Wakeman		Nissan Micra	1300	10	8		3	28	10	10		9	4	38
Robert Milligan		Austin Mini	1275	8			1	8		8		10	4	35
James Hall	Y	MG ZR	1400	9	9		2	18		9			3	25
Brian Sharpe		Nissan Micra	1275				0	0					1	6
CLASS B														
Philip Turner		Ford Puma	1700	3			1	3	5	3	9	1	5	22
Jamie Yapp		Renault Clio 172 Cup	1998				0	0				10	2	19
Steve Conner		Ford Puma	1679				1	10					1	8
Sam Williams		Rover Gti	1800				0	0	7				1	7
Richard Yapp		Renault Clio 172 Cup	1998				0	0				5	2	7
CLASS C														
Eddie Martin		Mitsubishi Lancer	1998	10	10		3	30	10	10		9	4	39
CLASS D														
Steve Conner		Mazda MX5 Eunos	1839	10	10		2	20	8	10	9	10	4	37
Jim Bryant		Mazda MX5	1840	8			1	8	6	8		9	4	33
Mark Bradley	Y	Mazda MX5	1800	1			1	1		1			3	14
Peter Cox		Honda S2000	2000	1			1	1		1		1	2	2
Richard Yapp		Mazda MX5 Eunos	1840	1	3		2	4		1			1	1
Neil Jones		Mazda MX5	1840			10	1	10					0	0
CLASS E														
Alec Tunbridge		Caterham 7	1588	10	10		2	20		10			1	10
COMBINED														
Steve Conner		Puma/MX5		10	10		3	30	8	10	9	10	5	45
Richard Yapp		Clio/MX5		1	3		2	4		1		5	3	8

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From the Pits

A brief comment this time and concerns two bits of motorsport activity. It is about two drivers who in the last few weeks have turned up at an AutoSOLO event in somebody else's car and then driven it on the event.

The first person is no less than Hugh Chambers, the CEO of Motorsport UK who arrived at the Dolphin MC Abingdon CAR-nival AutoSOLO. This was a round of BTRDA, CMSG, ACSMC and ASWMC championships. Hugh was sitting alongside Nick Pollitt in his Suzuki Swift to have a look see at grass roots motorsport and have a go himself. I had a chat to him on the history of the sport saying how it was Mike Sones, Paul Parker, myself and A N Other from the SW speed scene who met with the then chairman of the MSA Autotest committee, Ronnie Trouton some 13 years in a Bristol hotel lounge. Paul had some fascinating info on a sport taking place over in the USA on parking lots called SOLOs. It all sounded very good with Paul saying how relaxed the rules were. Ronnie began to think it was getting to be more like a slower form of sprinting being proposed so assigned the evolution of it to the MSA Autotest committee. Not too long afterwards AutoSOLOs were created being defined as being on a hard

surface (the MSA didn't want it to be a shortened form of Autocross) on an area 200m x 200m, the cars driven to the event and not too many restrictions on test layout. It really was meant to be for newcomers to motorsport who wanted to have a go in their road going car. It was very pleasing to tell Hugh that all of those thoughts still apply with no change in test layout requirement having been made over the years. The only thing which has changed is the introduction of passengers and allowing 14 year olds to take place – a very rewarding development in my view. Hugh took advantage of the passenger side by having multiple autotest champion Alastair Moffatt alongside him and after a slowish start with Hugh getting used to the car some reasonable times were soon on the scoreboard. Hugh ended up a creditable 19th in a very large class B for saloons from 1400cc to 2000cc. Hugh has commented on his activity in the latest edition of the Motorsport UK Revolution digital magazine saying “...had a great time competing in a bog-standard Suzuki Swift, tutored by multiple British Autotest Champion, Alastair Moffatt. It is a whole lot more difficult than it looks, but immense fun, so I urge you get out there and have a go, even in your own road car!”



Brian Coe beginning to explore the limits of Peter Cox's Honda S2000 at the Southsea MC Thruxton AutoSOLO.

The second driver for my report on their first AutoSOLO activity is Brian Coe. We were at university together in South Kensington, London, back in the 1960's. Brian was also in the local Harrow Car Club and introduced me to "autotesting" by teaching me how to handbrake a Ford Anglia 105E, on the bit of tarmac at the back of the Royal Albert Hall which was next to the student union bar! In 1969 Brian became the first MSA Driving Test champion having had a year long tussle with Doug Powell, both of them in a road going 1275cc Copper S. Whilst on the MSA Driving Test

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committee Brian persuaded them to change the name of the sport to Autotest as he was having difficulty explaining to people why he was a Driving Test champion – have you taken the test 10 times?! Brian then moved to France where he still lives but became interested in this new form of AutoSOLO during the reunions of the old autotest team group, TeamO (that's another story!). So, an offer was made to share my Honda S2000, an entry was made for the Southsea MC event at Thruxton, a local club membership arranged and there we both were at the event with Brian only having had 2 minutes in the driving seat finding out where the gears etc were. I must add that Brian had been over for the weekend a couple of months ago and watched the Oxford MC event at Finmere and appreciated that pure attack and speed were not the way to get good times. On the first test it was more of an acclimatisation with Peter

being 0.9 secs quicker than Brian. Test 2 and the gap came down to 0.8 secs. Then on the third run on Test 3 it happened, Brian was 1.5 secs faster than Peter. For the final test 4 it was all coming together and now it was 1.6 secs in front with a best time of 55.9 secs, compared to Peter's 57.5. It should be noted that Steve Conner's time was 52.0, and he was FTD! Brian was quite pleased at finishing 18th overall out of the 49 starters - and thankful that he had not beaten Peter in the class! There may be more to come!

Both these stories show that AutoSOLOs is truly a sport for both the expert and non expert driver in a road going car and does help explain why the entry lists for the last 3 events in the south of England have been at a maximum level with reserve lists. Long may it continue.

Peter Cox

GOLD STARS , SILVER SPOONS AND TIARAS !

Following on from Coxie's debate regarding who had won the most BTRDA silver spoons in Autotests, it occurred to me that one or the Trials guys may have won more, so I asked Julian Fack and he confirmed he has 121 !

This started me thinking about who has won the most Gold Stars, so here is MY list below

18	Duncan Stephens	Sporting and Car Trials plus Allrounders
11	Graham Hoare	Car Trials and Allrounders
9	David Haigh	Autotest
9	Barry Parker	Car Trials
8	Alistair Moffatt	Autotest and Allrounders
6	Trevor Smith	Forest Rally, Autotest and Allrounders
6	Rex Chappell	Sporting Trials
5	Bill Moffat	Car Trials
5	Mike Hinde	Car Trials

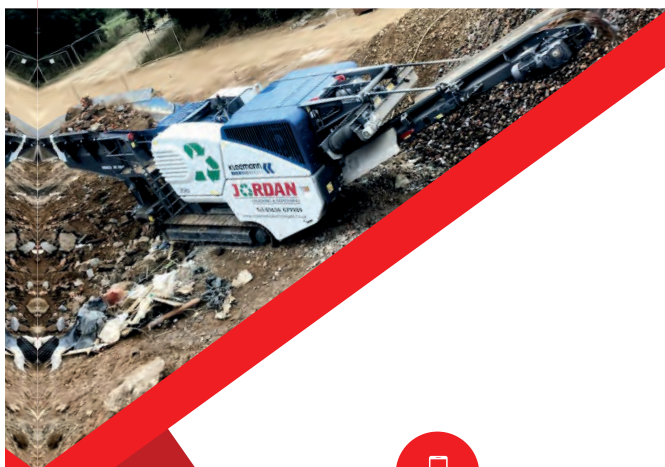
Of the Father and Sons who appear in the tables

Harry and Malc Livingston both won two Autotesting Gold Stars,

Bill and Alastair Moffats won their Gold Stars in different sports.

Ken and Graham Hoare both won one Car Trials Championship each.

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ARE WE NEARLY THERE YET!...

Seemingly in the blink of an eye, the 2019 Jordan Road Surfacing BTRDA Rally Series® has already passed its halfway point - Knutsford & District Motor Club's Plains Rally, in mid May, was the fourth of the seven-round calendar and, having taken outright victories on every event so far, it goes without saying (but we will anyway!) that Euan Thorburn/Paul Beaton have left the opposition trailing in their wake! Their Focus WRC leads the race to succeed Matt Edwards/Darren Garrod's Fiesta to the coveted Jordan Road Surfacing BTRDA Gold Star® Rally Championship crown - a feat which the Scotsmen last achieved in 2013. They still have some work to do but, with each competitor's best five scores counting towards their final tally, they've earned themselves the luxury (if that's the correct word!) of needing to produce just one good result from the remaining three events.

After a disastrous start to the season, Stephen Petch/Michael Wilkinson's rehabilitation began on the Rallynuts Stages with 3rd place and then continued with runners-up spot on the Plains. These results have, obviously, considerably improved their standing in the Gold Star table but, following their two DNFs, they now approach the remainder of the season from the opposite perspective to that of the series leaders, i.e. they *must* deliver on each of the remaining events....

Perry Gardener/Keaton Williams Rallye R2
Cup leaders on Rallynuts Stages
Photo: Malc Almond/Kevin Money



Former ST Trophy winner Sam Bilham's return to the BTRDA Series at the wheel of a Fiesta R5 has, thus far, netted two 6th places and, with Patrick Walsh aboard to assist the Bingley driver's ascent of the learning curve, he was lying 5th after the first couple of stages on the Plains. Then a puncture saw him drop down the order before further examination of the car revealed sufficient damage to warrant retirement. Nevertheless, at least two steps forward before one back...

Charlie Payne/Carl Williamson (Fiesta) have had better seasons and, although recording three finishes, missing the Plains sees them languishing in the lower reaches of the Top Ten. A mini Irish invasion on the Rallynuts Stages saw Mark Donnelly's Fiesta finish 2nd and Connor McCloskey's similar car 4th and, although both originally entered the Plains, come the day they were no-shows. BTRDA 'veterans' Theo Bengry/Les Forsbrook contested the Plains in a Proton Iriz R5 and came away with 3rd in class.

Class B13 has developed into something of a 'now you see 'em, now you don't' affair! Different crews have taken maximum points on each of the first four events but, in the case of Ian Joel/ Graeme Wood (Escort Cosworth) and Ian Bainbridge (Impreza), that's the only score they've managed to put on the board so far. Hence, unsurprisingly, they find themselves huddled together at the foot of the table.

The consistency shown by both Richard Hill (Impreza) and Richard Sykes (Lancer EVO9) sees them in 1st & 2nd places, while their co-drivers - Simon Taylor (Sykes) and Steffan Evans (Hill) - also dominate the sharp end of the table, albeit diametrically opposed to their drivers! Petr Krizan/Lukas Sintal were on course to join them, but rolling their EVO9 right in front of the Series Photographers on the Rallynuts Stages has put

any such euphoria on hold! However, they returned for the Plains to take another 3rd in class. Matthew Hirst/Declan Dear were another crew to encounter a somewhat inauspicious start to the season - DNFs on both the Cambrian and Malcolm Wilson served to put them on the back foot, but their Lancer EVO9 has since gone some way to ingratiate itself with the crew once more, taking them to solid finishes on both the Rallynuts & Plains Rallies!

As far as the BTRDA Production Cup® is concerned, Scott Faulkner/Gareth Parry's season has started extremely well, such that they not only find themselves leading it but their performances have been good enough to put them into runners-up spot in the overall Gold Star table as well! Meanwhile, for the opposition, it's turning into a game of 'Snakes & Ladders'! Having led the charge after the Cambrian, Pat Naylor/Ian Lawrence didn't finish the Malcolm Wilson but came back strongly on the Rallynuts Stages. Although defending champions Russ Thompson/Andy Murphy also had a day to forget in the Lake District, actually getting their EVO9 to the finish gained them some valuable points. However, there was to be no such happy ending on the Rallynuts Stages as the car finished up on its roof on the opening stage.... Perhaps a degree of caution was exercised on the Plains as all three of the main contenders finished - Faulkner 3rd, Thompson 4th & Naylor 6th!

Zak Hughes/Tom Wood's domination of the MRF Fiesta ST Trophy - four wins from four starts - has also moved them into the ascendancy in the overall Production Cup points table where they are currently Faulkner/Parry's biggest headache. Bobby Mitchell/Shannon Turnbull are Hughes/Wood's nearest challengers with David Kelly/Kenny Bustard, whose cause was not helped by a DNF on the Plains, in 3rd.

Joseph Keen/Paul Barbet on Rallynuts Stages
Photo: Malc Almond/Kevin Money



In similar fashion to Euan Thorburn's dominance of the Gold Star Championship, George Lepley has made the Jordan Road Surfacing BTRDA Silver Star® Championship all his own as well. At the wheel of Barry Jordan's Historic spec. Hillman Avenger, the defending champion has taken a string of maximum scores to lead both Silver Star and the BTRDA Historic Cup®. Lepley's co-driver Tom Woodburn missed the Cambrian and still has some catching up to do - however, on current form, you wouldn't bet against it!

Perry Gardener/Keaton Williams' R2 Fiesta is 2nd in the overall Silver Star table and, hence, there are no prizes for guessing who's leading the BTRDA Rallye R2 Cup!... Zak Hughes/Tom Wood (Fiesta ST) are also in there fighting for a podium spot in the two-wheel drive category, while Tony Simpson/Ian Bevan (Fiesta R2), Rob Wright/Terry Mallin (Escort) and Andy Davison/Tom Murphy (Talbot Sunbeam VXR) make up the remainder of the Top Six.

Simpson/Bevan are 2nd in the Rallye R2 Cup, from Mat & Tim Tordoff. The category is still dominated by Fiestas and, although he'd missed a couple of rounds, Ed Fossey's attempt to put his Peugeot 208 in amongst them on the Plains came to nought when the power steering failed on the opening stage.

Having been absent from the season-opening Cambrian Rally, Callum Black/Michael Gilbey entered the race for the Fuchs Lubricants



Jordan Road Surfacing BTRDA® Rally Series



BTRDA 1400® Championship on Round 2 and haven't been headed since! Their MG ZR was 11th overall on the Plains to take its third maximum score on the spin. However, at this point - i.e. before dropped scores come into play - each of the four crews in front of them have finished all four events to date.

Top scorers on the Plains for the past couple of years, Chris Powell/Jim Lewis (Talbot Sunbeam) had to give best to the flying MG this time, but 2nd place - their third so far - sees them maintain their lead of the series. Steve Black/Paul Morris (Suzuki Swift) are nothing if not consistent! Four consecutive third-place point scores see them as Powell/Lewis' main threat, while Dominic Hodge/Stefan Arndt's Micra and the Escort of Noel Lappin/Will Atkins were keeping a very close eye on each other throughout the Plains!

Mat & Dan Evans' run of 1400C class wins was brought to a halt on the Plains by the ever-present Richard Garnett whose Micra completed the route just 15s quicker than the Peugeot 205. However, the brothers from Tamworth still lead the class and could possibly put the matter to bed next time out on the Nicky Grist Stages...

In the BTRDA Rally First® Championship Joseph Keen has scored three maximums to keep his 1.4 MG ZR in the ascendancy from Graham Roberts' 2-litre version and the Fiesta ST of Wesley Gilford/Mark Townson.

The 'TCS at 40' Junior Driver & Co-driver awards are a welcome addition to this year's Jordan Road Surfacing BTRDA Rally Series, not least by those who have benefitted from the scheme so far! The names of Matthew Hirst, George Lepley, Zak Hughes, Tom Murphy, Gareth Parry & Keaton Williams came up trumps on the Rallynuts with the same six, albeit in a slightly different order, also featuring on the Plains....

For the first time, the MAXXIS Motorsport UK English Rally Championship has ventured

into Essex for the new 'closed-road' Tendring & Clacton Rally before also breaking new ground by visiting Shropshire for the Plains Rally. It's that man Lepley who has stamped his authority on the proceedings to claim top spot for himself! George's efforts in his Hillman Avenger see him move into the series lead by a single point from Euan Thorburn (Focus WRC) who, in turn, is one in front of Callum Black's MG ZR. Pery Gardener (Fiesta R2) and Andy Davison (Talbot Sunbeam VXR) are tied for 4th place, with the Escort MkII of Geoff Phelps rounding off the Top Six. However, with only five points separating first from tenth place at present, there's still plenty of room for manoeuvre as the season moves remorselessly on towards its conclusion!

2018 MAXXIS English Rally Champions Ian Joel/Graeme Wood are having a torrid time as they mount a defence of their title. Their Escort Cosworth was among the leaders after the opening encounter in the Lake District but, such is the closeness of the competition that retirement on the Plains Rally now sees them struggling to maintain a place in the Top Thirty! However, with four events still to go, they'll take some comfort in the knowledge that there's still time to rescue the situation.

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

Andrew Hail

Charles Payne/Carl Williamson on Rallynuts Stages
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Gold Star Championship

	Overall Driver	Points
1	Euan Thorburn	120
2	Scott Faulkner	105
3	George Lepley	97
4	Richard Hill	93
5	Richard Sykes	91
	Overall Co-Driver	Points
1	Paul Beaton	120
2	Gareth Parry	107
3	Ian Lawrence	80
4	Keaton Williams	78
5	Tom Wood	76

Silver Star Championship

	Overall Driver	Points
1	George Lepley	120
2	Perry Gardener	102
3	Zak Hughes	93
4	Tony Simpson	86
5	Rob Wright	84
	Overall Co-Driver	Points
1	Keaton Williams	104
2	Tom Wood	94
3	Tom Woodburn	90
4	Ian Bevan	89
5	Tom Murphy	76



1400 Championship



	Overall Driver	Points
1	Chris Powell	114
2	Steve Black	108
3	Dominic Hodge	100
4	Noel Lappin	99
5	Callum Black	90

	Overall Co-Driver	Points
1	Jim Lewis	114
2	Paul Morris	108
3	Stefan Arndt	101
4	Daniel Evans	92
5	Michael Gilbey	90



BTRDA Rally First Championship

Driver	Points	Co-driver	Points
Joseph Keen	90	Mark Townson	31
Graham Roberts	30	Liam Johnson	3
Wesley Gifford	29		
Sam Johnson	3		



The Historic Cup

Driver	Points	Co-driver	Points
George Lepley	80	Tom Woodburn	60
David Gathercole	42	Mike Crawford	39
Steve Ward	38	Cliff Simmons	21
Ben Friend	21	Arwel Jenkins, Rob Fagg, Emma Morrison, Adrian Scadding	20



Jordan Road Surfacing BTRDA® Rally Series



BTRDA Production Cup



Driver	Points	Co-driver	Points
Scott Faulkner	77	Gareth Parry	77
Zak Hughes	67	Tom Wood	67
Patrick Naylor	56	Ian Lawrence	56

BTRDA Rallye R2 Cup



Driver	Points	Co-driver	Points
Perry Gardener	78	Keaton Williams	78
Tony Simpson	68	Ian Bevan	69
Mathew Tordoff	58	Tim Tordoff	60
James Giddings	52	Hannah McKillop	46

Fiesta ST Trophy



Driver	Points	Co-driver	Points
Zak Hughes	80	Tom Wood	80
Bobby Mitchell	55	Shannon Turnbull	55
David Kelly	35	Kenny Bustard	34
Steven Ormond-Smith	32	Mark Townson	18



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2019 English Rally Championship

	Driver	Points		Co-driver	Points
1	George Lepley	50	1	Tom Wood	70
2	Euan Thorburn	49	2	Gareth Parry	62
3	Callum Black	48	3	Emma Morrison	60
4=	Perry Gardener	47	4	Tom Woodburn	50
4=	Andy Davison	47	5	Michael Gilbey	48

All results are shown following the Plains Rally



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Prot tyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship



Cole leads Prot tyre Asphalt Rally Championship after four rounds

Damian Cole leads the Prot tyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship after scoring consistently high scores on all four rounds of the 2019 series so far completed.

The six time champion finished second on the opening Rallynuts National Tour of Epynt Rally and scored a pair of fifth place finishes on the Masterpixel Media Manx National Rally, before claiming his first maximum score last time out on the Rally van Wervik. On the first three rounds he drove his Get Connected/Energizer-backed Ford Focus WRC05, before taking his Fiesta WRC to Belgium. The Abergavenny ace has also used three different co-drivers, Shelley Rogerson, Max Freeman and Dale Bowen.

Cole's win in Belgium has given him a 17 point lead in the series, although it was Jason Pritchard who led the series before that with a perfect score having won all of the first three rounds. However, swapping from a North Road Garage Focus WRC05 to a Fiesta S2000 for Wervik didn't pay off, as he and co-driver Phil Clarke (who leads the overall co-drivers' section) retired the car with brake problems. This means that the reigning champion has already dropped a score – and he'll drop another, as the birth date of his new baby means that Pritchard will miss the next round of the

Asphalt Championship, the Carryduff Forklift Down Rally on 20 July.

Alan Kirkaldy also dropped a score by missing Wervik, but the St Andrews-based driver is third after an excellent start to the season in his Cairnsmill Caravan Park Fiesta R5.

On his first appearance in the Asphalt Championship since 2014, Darren Atkinson is the first two-wheel drive placed driver in fourth. Some stunning performances in his Atkinsons Sandblasting/Dennison Trailers Escort Mk2 also gives him the lead in the highly competitive B13 class.

Reigning B14 class champion Wayne Sisson is fifth AMS Arnside Motorsport Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 10, while defending B12 class champion Mike Pugsley rounds off the top six overall drivers in his 1974 Escort Mk1 RS2000.

In the classes, Rhidian Daniels/Tomos Whittle (Citroen C1 Max) lead Adrian Drury/Cat Lund (Peugeot 106 GTI) by nine points on class B10, Geoff Glover (who made his 100th Asphalt Championship rally start in his self-built rear-wheel drive Astra on the Tour of Epynt) is ahead in B11 and Will Mains/Claire Williams are dominating the 1400S category in their Vauxhall Nova.

Provisional Championship Positions Following Round 4 Overall Positions

Drivers			Co-Drivers		
1 st	Damian Cole	108	1 st	Phil Clarke	91
2 nd	Jason Pritchard	91	2 nd	Cameron Fair	81
3 rd	Alan Kirkaldy	80	3 rd	Phil Sandham	80
4 th	Darren Atkinson	74	4 th	Marc Clatworthy	74
5 th	Wayne Sisson	70	5 th	Ashley Trimble	71
Class Leaders					
B10	Rhidian Daniels	45	B10	Tomos Whittle	45
B11	Geoff Glover	31	B11	Ashley Trimble	42
B12	Mike Pugsley	54	B12	Marc Clatworthy	54
B13	Darren Atkinson	45	B13	Phil Sandham	45
B14	Wayne Sissons	39	B14	Ian Taylor	42
B15	Damian Cole	47	B15	Phil Clarke	45
R2	Amaury Molle	15	R2	Renaud Herman	15
R5	Alan Kirkaldy	45	R5	Cameron Fair	45
1400S	William Mains	45	1400S	Claire Williams	45





Protyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship



Wervik Rally 2019

**Damian Cole,
Championship and
Class B15 Leader,
with Co-Driver Dale Bowen**



**Rhidian Daniels & Tomos Whittle
Class B10**

**Darren Atkinson & Philip Sandham
Class B13**



**Mike Pugsley & Marc Clatworthy
Class B12**



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BTRDA® Allrounders Championship

ALLROUNDERS Halfway Round - Summer 2019

Here we are, halfway through this year's Championship. As a registered Allrounder at the start of the year the events available to you were all 93 events in the BTRDA championships plus Speed/Hillclimbs/Autocross from the Motorsports UK calendar, some 70 plus or so - I have not counted exactly but that will be close.

Always check for event date changes, this may be due to weather, venue availability or plain short on entries. Hopefully not your fault.

And so to how are we doing. Currently we have two qualified, John Fox 3 AutoSOLO, 2 sprints, 1 Autotest, and Simon Harris 3 car trials, 2 AutoSOLO, 1 Autotest, all in a VW Lupo (Green) so Simon is current leader of the One Car Davijon Trophy for using the same car for all events. Early days and expect others to catch up with their events and those important points.

Closing up on the current leaders are Alastair Moffatt, Alan Wakeman, Richard Yapp, along with new to our championship Bob Milligan using a BMC Mini more or less in original spec.

Current highest points scores for our under 25 age group is Todd Crooks, BMW Mini with extensive engine mods big turbo and mainly a Rallycross competitor, but has competed in speed events and forest rally in the past. Another New to Allrounders is Alfie Jeakins with a Nissan Micra, Alfie may turn out to be our new find and Star of the future.

Some of our under 25 age group are not yet old enough to have a Driving License so the opportunity to enter other disciplines is

restricted. Having said that, this does not stop you winning a major award. Last year's winner of BTRDA Clubmans Rallycross Championship Luke Constantine was the youngest winner of a Gold Star Championship and he's still only 15!!! The support of family and friends dedicated to helping is most important.

The weekend before copy date of 11th June, there were three events for our contenders. At the Abingdon CARnival AutoSOLO Jamie Yapp, having an "arrive and drive" (family support at its best) won his class, Alastair Moffatt was second, Richard Yapp sixth and Nick Pollitt seventh, all in a large class of 23, so excellent points there. At the car trial near Kidderminster Simon Harris, this time in his Golf, and John Wadsworth KA added points to their scores. Having competed at Abingdon on the Saturday Richard Yapp then competed at the Owen Car club's Sprint at Curborough on the Sunday.

When you see the points table in this news or on the web site, you should notice that at last there are points from Sporting trials, yes, a trials car this time for Alastair Moffitt in his Ex Richard Roberts RB7 and shared with Nick Pollitt. Both now have that important third discipline and should also qualify for our Awards very soon.

I attended the Autotest organised by Loughborough Car Club at the Coventry Motofest, held under the flyover in the middle of town, a little dark in this area but lots of noise mainly from the tyres and the spectators loved all that. I marshalled along with Steve Layton and Mike Sones. Our Rallycross Championship was represented with three cars in another location, a distance away from us so I did not get to see their show. Disappointingly as there were only 4 volunteer drivers for the planned Sunday demonstration event, it was decided this wouldn't make much of a show so it was cancelled.

When your club is organising an event, if not competing yourself always offer to help. Without members assisting at events, or

Nick Pollitt & Al Moffatt at the Long Compton Sporting Trial
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another club event, they may just not happen in the future. Marshalling gets you close to the action and you can learn a lot by watching others at their best or even making the odd mistake.

You should be receiving this News the last week of June, and that then leaves a full six months of SERIOUS FUN.

Whatever the weather, enjoy your motorsport,

Phil D



Charlie Titcombe at Pembrey.
Photo: Trevor Coulson



John Wadsworth at Loton Park
Photo: Geoff Robinson

Provisional Overall Scores to 10th June 2019

	Score	Grp	Score	Grp	Score	Grp	Score	Grp	Score	Grp	Score	Grp	Total
John Fox	13.33	A	18.18	G	16.00	G	15.56	H	18.00	H	16.00	H	97.07
Simon Harris	6.67	A	10.00	B	13.33	B	10.00	B	11.11	H	13.33	H	64.44
<i>Simon Harris</i>	<i>6.67</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>10.00</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>3.33</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>13.33</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>11.11</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>13.33</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>57.77</i>
Alastair Moffatt	18.00	A	17.78	A	16.00	A	15.00	F	18.33	H			85.11
Alan Wakeman	2.86	B	14.29	G	17.14	H	16.67	H	17.50	H			68.46
Bob Milligan	10.00	A	5.71	B	17.78	H	12.50	H	18.18	H			64.17
Richard Yapp	11.67	G	5.00	G	10.53	H	10.00	H	15.00	H			52.20
John Wadsworth	10.00	B	12.31	B	13.33	G	13.33	G					48.97
Todd Crooks ^U	17.14	E	14.29	E	16.67	E							48.10
Alfie Jeakins ^U	16.67	E	15.56	E	15.56	E							47.79
Jamie Yapp	17.78	H	19.17	H									36.95
Dave Evans	12.00	A	10.00	A	13.33	A							35.33
Nick Pollitt	8.00	F	11.30	G	14.17	H							33.47
Stuart Perren	10.00	A	8.98	A	12.00	A							30.98
Charlie Titcombe ^U	13.33	E	8.89	E	6.67	E							28.89
John Moffatt	14.29	A	13.33	A									27.62
James Hall ^U	13.33	H	14.00	H									27.33
Duncan Wild	6.67	A	8.00	A	6.67	A							21.34
Abbie McGuinness ^U	10.00	E	2.22	E	4.44	E							16.66
Mark Bradley ^U	14.55	H											14.55
Amy Baines ^U	6.67	E											6.67
Fred Ling ^U	3.33	E											3.33

A - Autotest B - Car Trials C - Forest Rally D - Asphalt Rally E - Rallycross
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Many thanks to all of those drivers who made our stand at the ASI a great success, you filled that great space brilliantly, thanks again for all of your commitment and woops, some embarrassment here - apologies that this was omitted from our Spring News.

Gary Cook, Todd Crooks, Dave Ewin, Dominic Flitcroft, Alfie Jeakins, Joe Meskauskas, Danny Prime.

BTRDA Rallycross Round 2 – Pembrey Saturday May 18th

Round 2 of the 2019 BTRDA Rallycross championship took place at the Pembrey Circuit on Saturday May 18th as part of a double header weekend. The event attracted a strong entry of 60 cars including a couple of drivers from across the Irish sea along with 17 year old Elise Freim who travelled all the way from Norway to compete in the event.

Race day dawned with a bright and sunny day and ahead of all competitors was a challenging weekend which would see them race on one circuit but in 2 different directions. Saturdays racing would take place in a clock wise direction followed by anti-clockwise on Sunday. This brought its own challenge, but if you add to it the

fact that the start line was in a different place to 2018 and 50% of the entry list had never raced at Pembrey, the drivers certainly had a lot to learn.

The '*HT Installations*' Clubman 4x4 category had its first 2 rounds at Pembrey and on Saturday the field was depleted to only one car, Simon Horton (Subaru Impreza) after engine installation issues prevented local driver Nigel Burke racing and Irishman Tommy Graham opting to race at his local track instead. Simon used the event to test his re-built car, ironing out issues throughout the day both in the heats and in the A Final.



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Similar to the main 4x4 category the **'Flitspeed'** Production 4x4 car was also depleted to only one car with Paul Davis retiring in heat 3 with engine failure. This left local driver and round 1 winner James Philips to take a heat 3 and final win

The diverse but exciting **'AS Performance'** SuperModified category saw a very strong entry of 12 cars assemble at Pembrey. It was 2018 class champion Pat Ryan who won the first 2 heats and Northern Irelands Alan Crockett who claimed heat 3. With the loss of Mike Dresser and Kieran Curran during the heats the 10 remaining cars who started the A Final which would see Irishman Pat Ryan claim a light to flag victory. He didn't have it all his own way though as Alan Crockett pushed him all the way to the flag, with Gary Cook (Fiesta) completing the podium. Leigh-Ann Sedgewick and Todd Crooks had a great battle with Leigh-Ann coming home in 4th, Todd in 5th and Devon's Allan Tapscott finishing in 6th place.

By far the biggest entry at Pembrey was the **'Funk Motorsport'** Production category which saw 24 cars taking to the grid. The racing was fierce throughout the Saturday with James Orton taking the heat 1 win, and Dale Ford claiming heats 2 and 3. The entry was big enough for a C final which was won by Danny Harvey (Saxo) which qualified him for the B final where he was joined by Ryan Randall (C2) who finished in 2nd place. An amazingly close B Final then took place where incidents were plentiful

but at the flag it was the Loughborough college Honda Civic drive by Alex Fletcher who took the win and claimed his place in the A final where he was joined by BTRDA Clubmans Championship manager John Rook who qualified for an A final for the first time in around 6 years. James Orton was a little eager to get off the line, jumped the start which put him to the back of the grid when the lights went out. Pole sitter Dale Ford then won the A final with a lights to flag victory and he was joined on the podium by Dom Booth (Clio) making his Rallycross debut and Sue Lane (Honda Civic) who came home in 3rd place. James Orton battled up to 4th place where he was chased across the line by Jonny Chrisp in his 8v Ford KA and B final winner Alex Fletcher who came home in 6th place.

The **'SG Gaunt Trailer Hire'** Classic category saw a low but ultra-competitive grid of cars at Pembrey with 5 very different cars on the grid. Devon's Mike Grant made his return to the championship in his rebuilt Ford Fiesta and he claimed fastest times in heats 1 and 3 and it was local driver Marc Jones who claimed heat 2 win. The A final was a great race with Marc Jones making the best start but was chased hard by both Vince Bristow (BMW) and Mike Grant, until mechanical issues slowed Marc, allowing Vince to take over the lead of the race. Marc Jones just managed to hold onto 2nd place at the flag although he was closely followed by Mike Grant. Coming home in a strong 4th place was David Martin (205) and after suffering with 'diff' issues all day, David Ewin came home in 5th place in his Mitsubishi powered Fiesta MK3.

The 'Stars of the Future' **'Questmead Ltd/710 Oils'** Junior Category provided some great racing on Saturday with all 3 heat wins being taken by a different driver. It was the overall BTRDA Champion and Gold Star winner Luke Constantine who returned to the championship and won heat 1. Round 1 winner Alfie Jeakins won heat 2 in his Nissan Micra, and James Constantine in his Suzuki Swift who won heat 3.



James Orton and Dale Ford at Pembrey
Photo: Trevor Coulson



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The pole sitter Luke won from light to flag by 11 seconds, but it was the battle for the other podium places which would last the full race distance. Other front row starters Alfie Jeakins and James Constantine were pushed all the way to the flag by Ben Sayer with these 3 drivers only

covered by 2 seconds, with Ben eventually coming home in 4th place.

After a great days racing the teams now have around 12 hours to fix and fettle their

BTRDA Rallycross Round 3 - Pembrey Sunday May 19th

Round 3 of the BTRDA Rallycross Championship was held on Sunday 19th May at Pembrey Circuit – the second half of an intense and sunny double header weekend at the Welsh Circuit. Following on from Round 2 the day previous, there were only a handful of retirements which were counterbalanced by drivers putting in a last-minute entry after enjoying a successful day on Saturday.

The weather forecast had looked promising, and it was not going to disappoint as the sun beamed down on the circuit from the start. Today's circuit was to be run anti-clockwise, a challenge to drivers who had got used to the clockwise layout of the circuit yesterday. Instead of a flowing first corner, the drivers now went from the start of the circuit into a tight hairpin right on to the loose, with another tight hairpin to contend with it at the end before the flat out back straight.

The 'HT Installations' Clubman 4X4 Category followed on in the same way as the day prior, with only one car competing following engine issues for Nigel Burke. Simon Horton continued to use the weekend to test his newly rebuilt car and make any necessary adjustments, as did

James Phillips of the 'Flitspeed' Production 4X4 Category which also only had one running car.

The 'AS Performance' SuperModified Category did not fail to entertain, with 11 cars starting the day. Mike Dresser, having worked throughout Saturday to fix his car, re-joined the grid on Sunday morning however he had to retire with the same overheating issues as the day prior. Jarek Suchowiecki put in a last-minute entry for round 3 having enjoyed his first day at Pembrey the day before. Our 3 qualifying heats saw 3 different winners in Pat Ryan, Todd Crooks and Alan Crockett, all of whom who enjoyed some competitive, close and clean racing. The B Final saw Gary Mitchell, Elise Freim and Michelle Swallow line up on the grid, with Mitchell and Friem set to move into the A Final until the last corner where an incident saw Freim retire and Mitchell free rolling over the finish line, with Swallow in pursuit. The A Final saw similarly close racing, with Pat Ryan claiming his 2nd A Final victory of the weekend, whilst Alan Crockett came in 2nd pushing him up the points table to take the lead in the Overall SuperModified Championship. First corner contact unfortunately saw Gary Cook retire from the race in his newly built Ford Fiesta, whilst A Final Winner Swallow was excluded for non-production of on-board footage.

Dale Ford put in another amazing performance in the Funk Motorsport Production Category as he claimed top spot in the A Final and extended his leadership in the Overall Championship points. His victory was not easy however, with Andrew Smith in his 2 litre Clio leading the race until the last corner when Ford gave it his all and overtook him. Smith demonstrated his speed

Mark Jones & Vince Bristow at Pembrey
Photo: Trevor Coulson



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Pat Ryan and Todd Crooks at Pembrey
Photo: Trevor Coulson

throughout the day taking 2 of the 3 heat wins. James Orton in his Peugeot was in close pursuit having shown his ability throughout the weekend, having taken a heat win earlier in the day. C Final winner Louis Kershaw put in a good performance in the B final securing 5th place, whilst Ryan Randall who had also moved up from the C final suffered a DNF after lap 1, whilst Lee Keeler suffered a similar mishap and was not able to start the A final after qualifying from the B final.

The SG Trailer Hire Classic Category was as competitive as the day previous, with the wide array of cars putting on a fantastic show for all spectators. Vince Bristow in his BMW continued to show the crowds how to do the loose sideways, whilst Mike Grant and Marc Jones battled it out for the top position. In the end, it was Marc Jones who took the A final win – an excellent way to celebrate his 50th birthday. His family, with help from the committee, arranged for him to be presented with a cake along with his award.

Dom Booth and Andrew Smith
at Pembrey
Photo: Trevor Coulson

Mike Grant took a close 2nd place, followed by Vince Bristow, Dave Martin and David Ewin who had suffered mechanical issues with the differential all weekend.

The Questmead Ltd / 710 Oils Junior category continued to provide close and competitive racing, with all 3 heat wins again being claimed by different drivers in James Constantine, Luke Constantine and Alfie Jeakins. The A final saw Round 1 winner Jeakins push Round 2 winner Luke Constantine to the chequered flag, with less than 1 second between them. The battle behind was as close

with cousin James Constantine came in 3rd, with Ben Sayer in close pursuit – only 6 seconds separated the top four. Alfie Porter, Charlie Titcombe and Abbie McGuinness then followed across the line enjoying some battles of their own at the back of the pack.

After two jam-packed days racing, most teams now had 6 weeks to prepare their cars ahead of Round 4 of the Championship at Blyton Park on June 30th. Some teams however gave themselves just 2 weeks to get their cars rebuilt and presentable ahead of the annual Coventry Motofest on the first weekend of June.

Jordine Wadge



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Coventry Motorfest

For a fourth consecutive year, the club was present at the annual Coventry Motofest on the first weekend of June. The Rallycross presence was greater expanded by SuperModified competitor Todd Crooks showing his car in the centre of the show on the Coventry Radio Plus stand amongst the likes of the Jaguar E-Pace cars and a display of the latest Land Rovers. On our main stand, Joe Meskauskas was showing his Production Rallycross C2 #56, alongside his hire car #57, showing that you do not have to buy a car to get involved with the sport. David Ewin meanwhile was showing his Classic Ford Fiesta #17, with many members of the public taking a guess at what the car was (and getting it wrong!), with many guessing that it was either a Mitsubishi or a Peugeot. Not only this, but we had a special visitor in Bill and Kath Skermer, with Bill showing excellent progress in his recovery from his stroke last November, even managing to walk around some of the show.

The sun shone all day Saturday, with crowds in their thousands passing through the show and new spectators taking our calendars with the promise of visiting Blyton in June, whilst on Sunday the rain dampened down the number of visitors.

A good weekend was had by all, and we'd like to extend our thanks to David Ewin, Joe Meskauskas, Todd Crooks and Jordine Wadge for their efforts on the stand and in displaying their cars. Our best wishes go to Bill for further progress in his recovery.



Note from Bill and Kath

Thanks to all who contributed at the January awards evening to our 2 favourite charities, your generosity was lovely thank you.



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BTRDA Rallycross 'Snippets' June 2019 - BTRDA News

- Always one of the highlights on the BTRDA Championship calendar is round 7 which takes place at the Lydden Hill Circuit and is expected to attract a capacity entry of between 90-100 cars. This was evident as the entries opened on June 2nd and within 4 days 30 entries had already been submitted. The BTRDA RX regulars will be joined by a host of British Championship drivers and boosting the entry even further is an expected European entry of around 10 to 15 cars. Any drivers who are planning to race are advised to submit their entry forms sooner rather than later to avoid disappointment as all categories have a maximum capacity and are expected to be full.
- Rallycross newbie and yet to turn 14 years old, Reece Maguire will make his debut in the sport at Lydden Hill on September 28th at the wheel of a self-built Seat Arosa in the Junior category.
- Having last competed in Rallycross in the mid 90's Northern Irishman Davy Crockett is looking forward to debuting his brand-new Vauxhall Chevette HSR in the classic category at Blyton Park on June 30th. The car was due to race at round 1 however delays to parts has meant the Vauxhall Red Top powered car will be seen at Blyton and all future BTRDA events. His son Alan Crockett has debuted in the sport this year driving a similar powered Vauxhall Corsa to success in the SuperModified category.
- With the welcome return of the Knockhill Circuit to the BTRDA calendar this has spurred



Scottish Rallycross driver Kenny Hall to complete the re-built of his Supercharged Renault Clio RS and will be looking forward to racing in his first event for 2 years at Blyton on June 30th.

➤ Also spurred on by the Knockhill event, this has enticed former Scottish XR2 champion Graeme Cuthbert to hire a Citroen Saxo VTS off the R1 Motorsport team and will make his debut in the sport at Lydden Hill on September 28th, before evaluating his options to make a full time switch to the sport in 2020.

➤ A very unique car is set to join the Clubman 4x4 category this year as Melvyn De Souza is currently mid-way through building a VW Golf 4x4 which will be debuted later in the 2019 season.

➤ The Final round of the 2019 season takes place at the Knockhill Circuit in Scotland. With the circuit having been visited by Championship manager John Rook back in February plans have been detailed for all circuit works and Motorsport UK inspections to take place well in advance of the event in October. As this will see the return of the BTRDA Rallycross Championship to the circuit for the first time in 5 years and the majority of current competitors never



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raced their before there will be a Knockhill organised test day on Saturday 19th October from approximately 2pm until 5pm. Race day will take place on Sunday 20th, and to date there has been significant interest in the event from both BTRDA competitors and Irish drivers looking to make the trip across the Irish sea.

- Dartford based James Coney will make his competitive debut in his dad's Super1600 spec Vauxhall Corsa at the Lydden Hill event on September 28th
- Former Ministox driver Max Langmaid who so far this season has been racing a hired Vauxhall Corsa will switch to a Suzuki Swift from round 5 of the Championship at Pembrey.
- Newcastle based Peter Wharton who has been campaigning a SuperModified spec Peugeot 206 GTi in recent seasons has recently purchased the ex David Attiwell/Carl Stebbings Peugeot 106 GTi and time will tell which car is seen for the remainder of the 2019 season.
- With the Peugeot 106 GTi now been sold to Peter Wharton, Carl Stebbings has set his sights on returning to the sport at the wheel of a Production 4x4 spec Subaru Impreza, but he has also had his eye on the ex Richard Todd BMW E30, let's see what he turns up with at Blyton on June 30th.
- Steve Pascoe will debut his freshly built Ford Sierra Cosworth in the classic category at round 7 on September 28th at Lydden Hill.
- UK based Polish driver Lukasz Szczygiel will make his debut in Rallycross and the BTRDA Championship at Pembrey on August 10th/11th when he will race a newly built BMW E46 in the SuperModified category.
- Chris Rasher Baker made his debut in Rallycross at Blyton on March 24th, unfortunately an engine blow-up in his Subaru Impreza WRX cut short his event, however with the engine now rebuilt he will join the championship once again at Blyton on June 30th.



The Junior Class at Pembrey
Luke Constantine, Ben Sayer, Alfie Jeakins, James Constantine
Photo: Trevor Coulson



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Results after Round 3

BTRDA Championship Overall		
1 st	Dale Ford	120
2 nd	Marc Jones	117
3 rd	Alfie Jeakins	114
4 th	Alan Crocket	111
5 th	Vince Bristow	108
6 th	Todd Crooks	106
7 th	Dave Martin	101

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BTRDA SuperModified Category

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BTRDA Production Category

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1 st	Alan Crockett	111
2 nd	Todd Crooks	106
3 rd	Allan Tapscott	97
4 th	Gary Cook	92
5 th	Leigh-Anne Sedgewick	90

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1 st	Dale Ford	120
2 nd	Sue Lane	99
3 rd	Nathan Jones	90
4 th	Joe Meskauskas	83
5 th	Bradley Sampson	81

1601 to 2100cc SuperModified Class

1 st	Alan Crockett	100
2 nd	Gary Cook	89
3 rd	Elise Freim	85
4 th	Pat Ryan	66
5 th	Leonardo Lyon	37

Production 1600 16V Class

1 st	Dale Ford	120
2 nd	Joe Meskauskas	101
3 rd	Lee Keeler	99
4 th	Ryan Randall	85
=	Louis Kershaw	85

Over 2101cc SuperModified Class

1 st	Todd Crooks	117
2 nd	Allan Tapscott	109
3 rd	Leigh-Anne Sedgewick	106
4 th	Gary Mitchell	99
5 th	Michelle Swallow	91

Production 1601 to 2000 Class

1 st	Sue Lane	109
2 nd	Nathan Jones	106
3 rd	Bradley Sampson	97
4 th	Peter Hamlett	93
5 th	Andrew Smith	75



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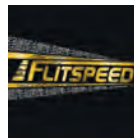


Classic Category

Overall Classic Category		
1 st	Marc Jones	117
2 nd	Vince Bristow	108
3 rd	Dave Martin	101
4 th	Mike Grant	72
5 th	Dave Ewin	62

Classic SuperModified Class		
1 st	Marc Jones	99
2 nd	Mike Grant	60
3 rd	Dave Ewin	56

Classic Modified Class		
1 st	Vince Bristow	94
2 nd	Dave Martin	90
3 rd	Harry Vaulkhard	33
4 th	Brian Hardman	26



Production 4 x 4 Category

FLITSPEED Production 4x4 Cat.		
1 st	James Phillips	99
2 nd	Chris Rasher-Baker	30
=	Paul Davis	30



Clubman 4 x 4 Category

HT INSTALLATIONS Clubman 4x4 Cat.		
1 st	Simon Horton	33

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Junior Rallycross Category

QUESTMEAD/710 OIL Junior Rallycross		
1 st	Alfie Jeakins	114
2 nd	Charlie Titcombe	97
3 rd	Abbey McGuinness	90
4 th	Luke Constantine	80
5 th	James Constantine	70



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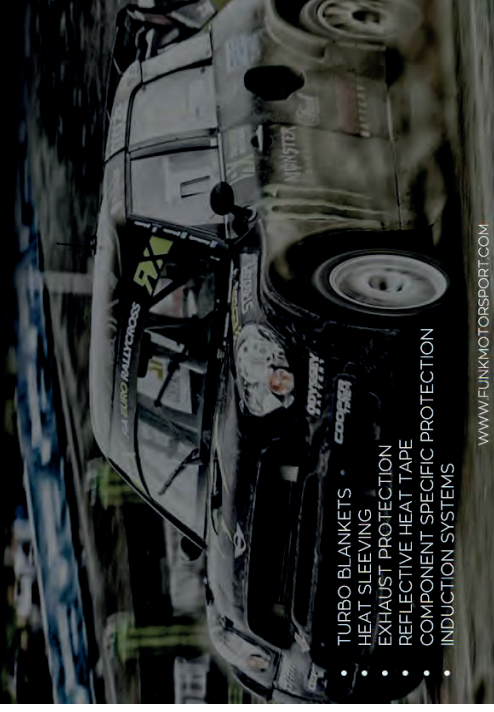


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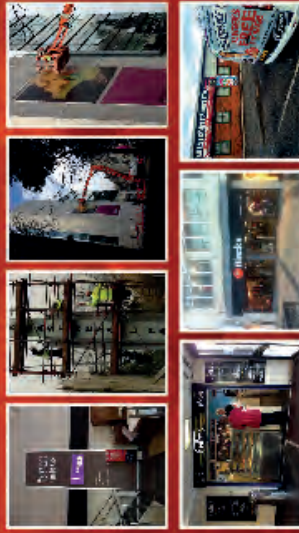


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BTRDA® Sporting Trials Championship

Although the sporting trials season started its summer break after the excellent Spring Trial at Long Compton on the 19th of May, related activity has not stopped. After some years of controversy we have finally started a series of mandatory differential tests at various locations around the country. Cars that pass the test will have their diffs sealed using serial numbered tags wired through two drilled nuts on the diff casing. In the case of cars with diff access on both sides of the transmission two seals will be needed. Testing will be done using Richard Sharp's diff tester, which has to be transported to all the locations in a van. Testing takes only a few minutes but sealing, although very simple, can take a while due to access problems under the cars. Drivers wanting to score points in the 2020 BTRDA Championship will be required to have a sealed diff.

Another subject we have to consider soon is the tyre situation. There are three tyres on our list at present, but only one is in use by competitors. Sadly the Maxxis MA510N has ceased production some months ago and we are currently in a "run out" situation with it. The alternatives are 1) Do nothing and use the alternatives, or 2) Add another tyre to the list. Maxxis, who are a title sponsor within BTRDA Rallies, have produced a follow up model, the Mecotra 3, to the tyre we use currently but based on past experience we need to test any new tyre

under widely different conditions to be absolutely sure we have not sanctioned a tyre with better performance.

The first half of 2019 produced some excellent trials in the varied weather (as usual) but this year we started with very unusual balmy summer conditions in February for the Geoff Taylor, as reported in the last News.

The JB Taylor Trial on the 14th of April attracted 29 entries down to Crewkerne in Somerset at the Veale family's brilliant site. As usual the sections were subtle, tricky and long, but Ian Wright's Sherpa Indy, passengered by Jon Bunden, mastered them better than the others, finishing the day on 20 marks, with George and Victoria Watson's Hamilton on 31 in second place. Paul Price and Kate Kirk in the CAP were close behind on 34. Ian and Janette Fullwood are having a superb season in their live axle CAP and took the category on 65.

The Pennine Sporting Trial on the 28th of April uses the site and date of the old Derbyshire Trial, but under new management of the Airedale and Pennine Club, since the demise of the old Lancs and Cheshire Club. This Peak District site has a distinct character of its own, and requires different driving techniques to most BTRDA trials. Normally the open bracken banks are used for most sections but this year more use was made of the wooded parts of the steep

sided valley. They attracted 24 entries and produced a very worthy but unexpected winner in Bryan Walker and Mark Simpson's Jedi. Bryan has regularly featured in the top of the results sheet up North, but this was an outstanding win distant from his regular stamping ground. Ian Wright and Alex Hill's Sherpa Indy were second on 34 with Roland Uglow and Alison Gibbs' Crossle third on 37. An outstanding drive from Jeffrey Armistead's live axle Hutton passengered by Stephen Postlethwaite

Andy Wilks and Mark Smith at the Four Turnings Trial
Photo: Duncan Stephens



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gave him 6th overall and the Live Axle award for a score of 55.

The Jiggers Jug on the 5th of May was the first of a two day trial in the Lake District, the two are now part of the BTRDA Championship unlike the original Cumbrian Two Day which was a non championship end of term bash leading up to the summer break. It attracted a respectable entry of 24, including a fair few who travelled long distances for the two day event. Local driver Bryan Walker fresh from his success at the Pennine led the way in his Jedi to finish on 44 in this fairly high scoring event, passengered by Mark Simpson. Another local, Jeff Armistead in his live axle Hutton, and passengered by Neil McHardy was second on 56, another fine result to win the live axle class. Paul Price and Kate Kirk were third on 59 in the CAP Mk5.

The Raymond Baxter on the 6th May was the second of the Two Day event in Cumbria, with the same number of entries, 24, as the previous day, and produced a second win for Bryan Walker passengered by Mark Simpson in the Jedi, this time the scores were much lower at 8 marks after four rounds. Bill Rhodes and Lou Hayton's Cartwright came second on 17 and Peter and Liz Fensom's Hamilton was third on

21. Once more Jeff Armistead and Stephen Postlethwaite's Hutton was well up on 27 for fourth place overall to win the live axle category.

The Four Turnings Trial on May the 12th in Cornwall attracted a small entry of just 12, but it was a challenging event none the less, with a mixture of all sorts of conditions over the seven sections, over four rounds. Local driver Roland Uglow with Beth Caroll in the passenger seat drove his Crossle to a fine victory with a score of just 37 points in spite of an unnecessary 10 on hill four in the third round. Andy Wilks and Mark Smith's Crossle was second on 46, and Chairman Stuart Beare's Sherpa was third with multiple champion Duncan Stephens bouncing, on 51.

The Spring Trial on the 19th of May at Long Compton near Banbury is a recent addition to our calendar, but under Josh Veale's new Midlands Trials Car Club banner, and using what many regard as our best site, it was bound to be a success and so it has proved. Josh attracted a big entry of 30, and for the late May date (well into the traditional summer break territory) he set the tyre pressures at a very high 8psi, but combined with the lush vegetation it was a real drivers event, extremely tricky all

round, and errors were severely punished. Nevertheless scoring for the top drivers was low with Paul Price and Kate Kirk's CAP Mk 5 scoring 17 for the win, tying with Peter and Liz Fensom's Hamilton who took second on the tie-break. An outstanding result of just 19 points for Bob Packham and Mark Talon's old Kincraft for third place overall, and obviously first place in the live axle category. John Fack shared his brother Jerome's MSR, who also passengered, for fourth on 21.

The next event is far away in early September, but as detailed above a busy summer of diff testing lies ahead.

Hope to see you on the hills in the autumn.

Julian Fack.



**John & Anne Cole at the
Four Turnings Trial
Photo: Duncan Stephens**

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Top BTRDA Championship Positions after the Spring Trial

Position	Driver	Class	Axle	Total	Best 10	Average	Events	Jigger's Jug	Raymond Baxter	Four Turnings	Spring Trial
Independent Red Class											
1	Richard Sharp	Red	Indi	250	250	25	10	26	25		24
2	Simon Kingsley	Red	Indi	197	197	28.14	7				
3	Stuart Beare	Red	Indi	192	192	24	8	25	24	28	21
Independent Blue Class											
1	Andy Wilks	Blue	Indi	173	173	24.71	7			29	
2	John Cole	Blue	Indi	165	165	20.63	8	23	22	24	20
3	Mike Readings	Blue	Indi	155	155	19.38	8	22	23		
Live Red Class											
1	Bob Packham	Red	Live	148	148	29.6	5	30	29		30
2	Brian Thornton	Red	Live	110	110	27.5	4	28	28		
3	Mark Howse	Red	Live	86	86	28.67	3				
Live Blue Class											
1	Alan Baker	Blue	Live	279	279	27.9	10	29	30		28
2	Phil Blagden	Blue	Live	147	147	24.5	6	26	25		23
3	Sam Beare	Blue	Live	139	139	27.8	5				27
Rookie Class											
1	Darren Underwood	Rookie	Live	148	148	16.44	9	18	18		17
2	Paul Marsh	Rookie	Live	62	62	15.5	4				18
3	Keith Parker	Rookie	Live	51	51	10.2	5	N	17		9
All Live Axle Classes											
1	Alan Baker	Blue	Live	279	279	27.9	10	29	30		28
2	Darren Underwood	Rookie	Live	240	240	26.67	9	27	27		25
3	Bob Packham	Red	Live	148	148	29.6	5	30	29		30
All Driver Classes											
1	Richard Sharp	Red	Indi	241	241	24.1	10	25	24		23
2	Alan Baker	Blue	Live	197	197	19.7	10	24	25		20
3	Simon Kingsley	Red	Indi	196	196	28	7				
4	Stuart Beare	Red	Indi	178	178	22.25	8	22	22	28	15
5	Andy Wilks	Blue	Indi	168	168	24	7			29	
6	Ian Wright	Red	Mix	167	167	27.83	6				21
7	George Watson	Red	Indi	167	167	23.86	7			26	29
8	Paul Price	Red	Indi	164	164	27.33	6	29	28		28
9	Boyd Webster	Red	Indi	164	164	23.43	7				22
10	Peter Fensom	Red	Indi	156	156	26	6	28	29		27

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Provisional Top Scorers Scores after the Pennine Trial

All Competitors												
Position	Driver	Class	Axle	Total	Best 10	Average	Events	Stuart Butterfield	Stone Trough	Presidents	JB Taylor	Pennine
1	Simon Kingsley	Red	Indi	91	91	13	7	15	13	12	9	12
2	Ian Wright	Red	Indi	71	71	14.2	5			15	15	14
3	Richard Sharp	Red	Indi	64	64	9.14	7	12	10		10	9
4	Roland Uglow	Red	Indi	52	52	13	4			13	12	13
5	Boyd Webster	Red	Indi	52	52	8.67	6	11	12		8	6
6	Andy Wilks	Blue	Indi	49	49	8.17	6			8	6	7
7	Bryan Walker	Red	Indi	39	39	13	3	10	14			15
8	George Watson	Red	Indi	37	37	7.4	5	6			14	
9	Paul Price	Red	Indi	34	34	11.33	3				13	
10	Alan Baker	Blue	Live	33	33	4.71	7	8	9	5		4
11	Julian Fack	Red	Indi	31	31	7.75	4			6	4	11
12	Stuart Beare	Red	Indi	31	31	7.75	4					8
13	Jeff Armitstead	Blue	Live	30	30	10	3	9	11			10
14	Mike Salton		Live	28	28	14	2	13	15			
15	Josh Veale	Red	Indi	28	28	9.33	3				7	
16	Peter Fensom	Red	Indi	27	27	9	3			14	11	
17	John Fack	Red	Indi	24	24	12	2					
18	Jerome Fack	Red	Indi	24	24	6	4			7	5	R
19	Andrew Woodhead	Red	Indi	21	21	10.5	2	14	7			
20	Ian Veale	Red	Indi	21	21	7	3				1	
All Live Axle Classes												
1	Alan Baker	Blue	Live	87	87	12.43	7	13	13	13		13
2	Darren Underwood	Rookie	Live	71	71	11.83	6			10	13	11
3	Ian Fullwood	Blue	Live	53	53	13.25	4				14	10
4	Sam Beare	Blue	Live	52	52	13	4					12
5	Jeff Armitstead	Blue	Live	43	43	14.33	3	14	14			15
6	Mark Howse	Red	Live	41	41	13.67	3			14	12	
7	Paul Marsh	Rookie	Live	33	33	11	3			12	11	
8	Mike Salton		Live	30	30	15	2	15	15			
9	Neil Martin	Blue	Live	30	30	10	3					9
10	Bob Packham	Red	Live	29	29	14.5	2	R				14

BTRDA® 2019 Championship Events

June 2019

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

Motorsport UK English Rally Rounds are shown in Green

Please check the BTRDA website for updates

	AutoSolo	Autotest	Car Trials	Rallycross	Rally – Asphalt	Rally - Forest	Sporting Trials
July	6						
	7	Knutsford & DMC					
	13						
	14	Farnborough DMC (B)				Nicky Grist Stages Builth Wells	
Jul	20						
		South of Scotland MC	Gerry Evans Memorial		Down Rally		
			Cymru				
			Abergele				
	21		Clwyd Trial				
	27/28		Prestatyn				
Aug	3						
	4	Caernarvon & Anglesey MC			Tyneside MSA English Only		
	10						
	11			Pembrey R5 Pembrey R6			
	17/18						
	24						



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	AutoSolo	Autotest	Car Trials	Rallycross	Rally – Asphalt	Rally - Forest	Sporting Trials
Aug							
25							
26		Bank Holiday Monday					
31							
Sep							
1						Woodpecker Stages Incl. MSA English	
7							
8	Ross & DMSL (A) and Farnborough DMC (B)		Gaby Mohr Memorial Bridgnorth				Robin Jaeger NTPCC
14							Robin Alexander Camel Vale
15	Under 17 MCNW (A) and Bristol MC (B)	Hartlepool & DMC					David Ayres Launceston MC
21							
22			Ernest Owen Memorial Burton upon Trent		Cheviot Stages Rally		Peter Fear Ross & District
28						Trackrod Forest Stages Incl. MSA English	Charles Pollard Peterborough MC
29	Whitchurch MC			Lydden Hill R7			
5							
Oct							
6	Oxford MC (A & B)						John Southern NTPCC
12							
13			Grand Final Stourport on Severn				
19				Knockhill Test & Practice Day			Training Day Long Compton
20				Knockhill R8			Mercian Trial Midland TCC

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June 2019

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

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SPECIAL AWARDS 2018 WINNERS

The Stross Rally Trophy

Matt Edwards

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

Matt Edwards

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

Peter Wood

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

The Patricia Baldwin Trophy

Pat Egger

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

The Automobile Club de Monaco Trophy

Ernie Graham

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

PHIL and JANET DARBYSHIRE: Phil and Janet have been actively associated with the BTRDA since the 1960's, and both served on the Autotest Committee and since the Mid. 70's on the Allrounders Committee. 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 60th and 75th 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.

SIMON HARRIS: Simon joined the BTRDA in 1994 and has been a member of the Car Trials (formerly Production Car Trials) Committee since 1997, whilst his other motorsport interests include our Allrounders and AutoSOLO championships and the HRCR/HERO Historic Rallying series. In November 2003, when the company restructure took place, Simon was appointed the first Company Secretary to BTRDA Ltd, a position he held for the next 15 years. Alongside this role, Simon took on the now unofficial role of General Secretary, acting as committee secretary to BTRDA Ltd and to Council, together with being a central contact point for the BTRDA brand. Simon finally retired from this position in November 2018, where the breadth of his duties and responsibilities have had to be divided between several other individuals!

Gold Star[®] Champions 2018

Allrounders

Asphalt Rally Driver

Asphalt Rally Co-Driver

Autotest

Car Trial

Forest Rally Driver

Forest Rally Co-Driver

Rallycross

Sporting Trial

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Jason Pritchard

Phil Clarke

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Roland Uglow

AutoSolo Championship

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On the Rallynuts Stages

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