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**Gold Star Champions  
Euan Thorburn/Paul Beaton on the  
Nicky Grist Stages**

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## President's Notes Autumn 2019

September is probably the busiest time in the calendar for those of us on BTRDA Boards and Committees. Not only are the championships coming to a climax for the year (with the exception of Sporting Trials ) but the accounts have to be signed off for 2018, and planning for the events and regulations for 2020 have to be completed and issued in time for the end of this year.

You will find in this addition of BTRDA News, our accounts for 2018. The Association Board of Directors have agreed and signed them off. You will see that we made a small loss for the year, but it was in line with the budget forecasts and the Board are confident that for 2019 we shall turn that around into a small profit. In fact we are already at the stage where all sports are putting their budgets in for 2020 and I am very confident that next year will be an excellent one for BTRDA.

If any members have any comments or questions about these figures, then please email me on [mike.broad@live.co.uk](mailto:mike.broad@live.co.uk) and I shall do my best to answer them. Thanks, as ever, go to Tim Beard, Mike Sones and Richard Yapp for all their hard work to get these numbers crunched!

Whilst on the topic of Association Board, we have a vacancy for a Director. The Association Board sits three times a year usually. We meet during the week at a daytime meeting and in addition join the BTRDA Board for a joint meeting in the summer/autumn. We oversee the membership, sporting finances, and help steer the Association whilst leaving all sporting matters, such as championships and regulations to the BTRDA Board headed by Steve Layton. If you feel that you would like to put yourself forward to join the Association Board, then please send me your CV to me at [mike.broad@live.co.uk](mailto:mike.broad@live.co.uk)

As you know, I am more associated to rallies than other of our seven sports, and I have attended quite a few of our rounds this year. The Jordan Road Surfacing Rally Championship has already got its main winners and you will find more details in this edition of the News, however may I offer my congratulations to the Gold Star Winners, Euan Thorburn and Paul Beaton who had a full house of wins and haven't taken the spoils back to Scotland for the second time. The Silver Star winner is a real up and coming rally star! George Lepley, with Tom Woodburn on the notes have just conquered everything in their Avenger, and then switched to the mighty Mitsubishi Evo 10 on the Woodpecker Rally and after just two stages to feel comfortable, proceeded to bang in fastest times for the rest of the day, I must say I am well impressed.

For the Bronze Star Championship winner, we welcome back a former winner in Callum Black in the redoubtable MGZR, which is so rapid and very impressive on the stages and finally, well done to Perry Gardner and Keaton Williams who have won the Rallye R2 Cup and will be taking up the offer of a free entry on the Wales Rally GB National Rally that goes with it, and I wish them all the best for this exciting prize.

The first of our five awards presentations, The Protyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Championship Awards are on Saturday 2nd November at the Hilton Puckrup Hall Hotel and I hope to see many of our awards winners there on the night.

And finally, may I remind all members that the Annual AGM and Awards Luncheon will be held on SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2020 at the Drayton Manor Park Hotel. More details will be in our next edition of BTRDA News in December

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# The BTRDA Curborough AutoSOLO

This year the BTRDA will be running a Clubmans AutoSOLO at Curborough Sprint Course, Nr. Lichfield on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November. This will be a great opportunity for BTRDA Members to come and have a bit of fun, and, if you are an Allrounder, a chance to pick up a few points. The tests will be open and flowing giving you a last chance to blow away the cobwebs and de-stress before the end of the season. All roadgoing cars are welcome.

Regulation and entry form will appear on the website under AutoSOLO in due course so don't miss out on some Serious Fun.

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## ***BTRDA***® Allrounders Championship

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### **ALLROUNDERS THREE QUARTERS ROUND**

In our Allrounders Championship we encourage the young drivers to sample as many disciplines as is practical for their age in our motorsport. We have a number of under 17s from Rallycross who have enquired "what else can we do?" Well, currently you have Car Trials from 14 years old, AutoSOLOs from 14 years old (both requiring an experienced passenger with an RTA licence) and Autotest from 16 years old. The actual wording is in each section of the Blue Book.

During the last few years our Under 25 age group have been active and in our opinion the Duckham Trophy, whilst not the most expensive, is one of the nicest of the Allrounders awards,

So, how are our contenders doing? Holding on to top spot is John Fox followed by Bob Milligan who is also leading the Davijon Trophy for using just one car - his road legal BMC MIni - for all the qualifying events, with long time Allrounders supporter Richard Yapp in third place. Simon Harris and Richard Yapp have also qualified for the same car as well as for using a variety of vehicles. Current scores are shown on the results sheet with the qualifiers at the top !!!! Possibly able to change the order of those

already qualified are Alastair, Alan and John who all need just one more good score.

Now, with just a few events left in this year's calendar of SERIOUS FUN those with less than six scores have some serious checking of dates to find those other events. By the end of September the Car trials will have finished as well as Autotests and the Asphalt series, so you're looking at AutoSOLO (don't forget the Final Round at Curborough is open to **all** BTRDA members), Sporting Trials, Rallycross, Forest Rally (English only) as well as any non-BTRDA Nat A & Nat B Speed events you can find through the latter part of the year.

At this time of year your BTRDA Championship Committees are finalising their calendars for next year and reviewing Championship Regulations in order to provide the best possible range of events. As Allrounders you are entitled to enter any of these Championship events for which you and your car are eligible.

We appreciate all the clubs who give of their time and personnel to promote events in our Championships with a special thank you to all event marshals without whom we would not have any motorsport. We would also include here a thank you to the families of committee

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members who lend their support in the background. We are remembering here particularly Molly Larkin who hosted many an Autotest Committee meeting providing delicious refreshments and always her legendary chocolate cake. Jan and I have been friends

with John and Molly for over fifty years, first meeting through Autotests (in those days known as Driving Tests) and have spent many happy times with the family. We send our love and condolences to John and the family at this sad time.

**Abbie McGuinness at Pembrey**  
**Photo: Trevor Coulson**



As our Championship year comes to a close it would be good to see some of you who might not be competing out marshalling or spectating at sporting trials. It's always good to watch other disciplines and drivers in action.

A date for 2020 - The Luncheon and Presentation of Awards has been booked to take place at Drayton Manor on Sunday, 2nd February, 2020.

Whatever the weather, enjoy your motorsport,

**Phil D**

### Provisional Overall Scores to 20<sup>th</sup> September 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	18.00	H	16.00	H	18.00	H	99.51
<i>Bob Milligan</i>	10.00	A	3.33	A	5.71	B	17.78	H	18.18	H	18.57	H	73.57
Richard Yapp	10.00	A	11.67	G	8.00	G	10.53	H	15.00	H	17.14	H	72.34
John Wadsworth	10.00	B	12.31	B	12.73	B	15.00	G	16.67	G	3.33	H	70.04
Simon Harris	6.67	A	10.00	B	13.33	B	14.00	B	11.11	H	13.33	H	68.44
<i>Simon Harris</i>	6.67	A	10.00	B	13.33	B	11.11	H	13.33	H	8.57	H	63.01
<i>Richard Yapp</i>	10.00	A	11.67	G	5.00	G	3.64	H	10.00	H	17.14	H	57.45
Alastair Moffatt	18.00	A	17.78	A	17.50	A	15.00	F	18.33	H			86.61
Alan Wakeman	2.86	B	14.29	G	17.14	H	16.67	H	17.14	H			68.10
Fred Ling <sup>U</sup>	3.33	E	16.67	E	6.67	E	18.00	G	13.33	G			58.00
Jamie Yapp	17.78	H	19.17	H	18.82	H							55.77
Todd Crooks <sup>U</sup>	17.14	E	16.67	E	17.78	E							51.59
Alfie Jeakins <sup>U</sup>	16.67	E	15.56	E	15.56	E							47.79
John Moffatt	14.29	A	13.33	A	15.00	A							42.62
Nick Pollitt	8.00	F	11.30	G	6.67	G	14.17	H					40.14
James Hall <sup>U</sup>	13.33	H	14.00	H	12.00	H							39.33
Dave Evans	12.00	A	13.33	A	10.91	A							36.24
Charlie Titcombe <sup>U</sup>	13.33	E	8.89	E	8.89	E							31.11
Stuart Perren	10.00	A	8.98	A	12.00	A							30.98
Duncan Wild	8.00	A	10.00	A	10.00	A							28.00
Abbie McGuinness <sup>U</sup>	10.00	E	6.00	E	8.89	E							24.89
Amy Baines <sup>U</sup>	6.67	E	8.00	E	6.67	E							21.34
Mark Bradley	14.55	H											14.55
Phil Darbyshire	4.00	B											4.00

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

\* Indicates Rally Co-driver      *Names in blue italics indicates one car*      <sup>U</sup> Indicates Under 25 score



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## Prot tyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship



### Damian Cole and Jason Pritchard head to winner takes all on Prot tyre Asphalt Rally Championship finale

The destiny of the overall Prot tyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship title will be decided on the final round of the series, as six time series champion Damian Cole and reigning champion Jason Pritchard go head-to-head in a winner takes all battle on the Ford Parts Cheviot Stages Rally on Sunday 22 September.

And if series leader Cole wins and Pritchard finishes second – as they did last time out on the Old Forge Garage Mewla Rally – both drivers would have recorded three wins and two second places. The title would then be decided on a tiebreak, meaning whoever set the better time on the opening stage of the Cheviot will become the 2019 Asphalt champion.

Having won a record equalling sixth Mewla Rally (and an equal 23 Epynt wins) with John Price, Cole leads the points table and has the advantage going into the final round. Plus he has won the Cheviot Rally – plus the Tyneside Stages, which is also held on Otterburn – four times each, and twice in the same year!

On Epynt, Cole showed that all his hard work has paid off and that he has finally got his Get Connected/Energizer-backed Ford Fiesta WRC going as he likes it. He started at a blistering pace and set the fastest time on each of the opening three stages to establish a 13 second lead. He remained unbeaten for the first seven stages, although a spin on the grass in the German Village illustrated how hard he was pushing. Both the pace of the rally and the heat of the day were ferocious as crews arrived at mid-day service, where Cole had already edged out a very cool 29 second lead.

From then on, Cole consolidated his advantage, maintaining that exact margin until finally allowing himself to ease off on the final loop of three stages. With all the hard work executed to perfection, Cole's 19 second win was

confirmed at the podium celebrations at the Royal Welsh Showground.

Victory was made all the sweeter by the fact that Cole was partnered by Paul Spooner, who had guided him to his first Mewla Rally win in 2008, and it was also a nice early 60th birthday present for the experienced navigator.

And if Cole was to become champion this year, he'll have done it with five different co-drivers. Having had Shelley Rogerson, Max Freeman, Dale Bowen and Paul Spooner guide him, Andrew Roughead (last year's Cheviot winning co-driver) will partner him on the final round.

"It's an honour to have now won as many Mewla rallies as John Price, and to have won as many rallies on Epynt as John as well," said Cole. "I never thought that when I started rallying and John was winning everything, that one day I'd equal his record. The car has been faultless all day. We've done a lot of work on the car's set-up and the Fiesta WRC is now so much easier to drive. We've also re-mapped the throttle as well, so it's not so aggressive as soon as you touch the pedal, and that's made a big difference because the car is so much better in all the chicanes and tight corners. We've been fastest or joint fastest most of the day, which allowed us to back off on the last loop because by then we had a twenty-nine second lead and there was no



**2019 B10 Class Winners**  
**Rhidian Davies & Thomas Whittle**  
**Mewla Rally**



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point trying to be a hero. The sheep were starting to run about, and we eased off over the bigger jumps a bit.

"It makes the battle for the Asphalt Championship very interesting, because it's winner takes all on the Cheviot now. I've won the Tyneside and the Cheviot four times each and I prefer Otterburn to Epynt because it's more technical. The only downside about Otterburn is that it's 320 miles away from home!"

After the first loop of three stages, reigning Asphalt champion and last year's Mewla Rally winner Jason Pritchard was down in third, 23 seconds behind Cole. An incorrectly mapped ECU was slowing his North Road Garage Ford Focus WRC05, with valuable seconds lost setting off from each stage start and accelerating out of every junction and tight chicane. At each service halt the team fought to solve the problem, and on each loop Pritchard and co-driver Phil Clarke fought to minimise the time lost – often because one cure had created a new problem.

Pritchard had managed to move up into second position by mid-distance, but the afternoon saw more electronic-related fuel pump and pressure problems, with the car sluggishly getting off the start line and then cutting out near the end of stages. It cut out right at the end of the final stage, and not reaching the podium in Llanellwedd would have been an all-too cruel way to end his title defence. But thankfully the car kept going, and second place was an exceptional result under the circumstances.

Pritchard won the title last year by taking maximum points (finishing second overall to local man Peter Taylor) on the Cheviot Rally – on what remains his one and only visit to Otterburn.

Pritchard scored maximum points on the opening three rounds of the series and his performance on the Mewla, when everything appeared to stack against him, proves that he remains a very strong title contender. And he's praying for a repeat of the bad weather that helped him on Otterburn last year.

**2019 1400S Class winners  
Will Mains & Claire Williams  
Tour of Epynt**



"We've not really had a clean stage, so it's good to come home second after such a troublesome day – I think we can say that we've made the best of a bad situation," said Pritchard at the finish of the Mewla. "The power difference really showed today, because even without our issues, I think it would have been very difficult for us to beat Damian [Cole] today, because he's got the ultimate car for Epynt. We were five second down just going through the German Village, it's just point and squirt in there and there isn't anything I can do about that. The fight for the Asphalt Championship title is down to the final round, and I hope it's wet on Otterburn, because the power difference really told today."

There is a very close battle for the runners-up spot in the series between. R5 champion Alan Kirkaldy – who together with Cameron Fair finished a magnificent fourth on the Mewla, behind Bob Fowden/Den Golding (Subaru Impreza WRC S11) on only his second visit to Epynt in his Cairnsmill Caravan Park-backed Ford Fiesta R5 – currently holds that position. Carryduff Folklift Down Rally maximum points scorer John Stone (ex-Mikko Hirvonen Legend Fires-backed Ford Fiesta WRC) and Darren Atkinson/Phil Sandham can also take home the silverware. The latter clinched the class B13 title in stunning style by coming home the top two-wheel drive competitor in sixth place on the Mewla in his Atkinsons Sandblasting/Dennison Trailers/S&W Fabrication-backed Ford Escort Mk2.







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Banbridge driver John Devlin made a truly stunning Epynt debut to finish seventh on the Mewla to clinch the class B11 title in his Ford Escort Mk2, while Ashley Trimble successfully guided Graham Hollis over the ranges to become B11 co-driver champion.

Wayne Sisson has won the class B14 title in his AMS Arnside Motorsport Mitsubishi Lancer Evo X, while Ian Taylor (who has guided Oli Hopkins in the Hopkins Motorsport-owned Mitsubishi Mirage) is the class co-driving champion for 2019.

Rhidian Daniels/Tomos Whittle have won the class B10 title in their JJ Aggregates-backed

Citroën C1 Max after a close battle with Adrian Drury/Cat Lund (Drury Deliveries Peugeot 106 GTi) and Dai Roberts/Pete Phennah (Peugeot 205 GTi), while Mike Pugsley/Marc Clatworthy successfully defended their class B12 title with another class win in their 1974 Escort Mk1 RS2000.

After a number of giant-killing performances in their Ray Thomas & Sons/WCS Environmental-backed Vauxhall Nova, Will Mains/Claire Williams are the class 1400S champions.

### Championship Positions Following Round 6

#### Overall Positions

	Drivers	141*		Co-Drivers	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Damian Cole	130	1 <sup>st</sup>	Phil Sandham	135
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Alan Kirkaldy	121	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ashley Trimble	123
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Darren Atkinson	119	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Phil Clarke	121
4 <sup>th</sup>	Jason Pritchard	111*	4 <sup>th</sup>	Cameron Fair	109
5 <sup>th</sup>	John Stone	96	5 <sup>th</sup>	Marc Clatworthy	105*

#### Class Leaders

B10	Rhidian Daniels	60	B10	Tomos Whittle	60
B11	John Devlin	60	B11	Ashley Trimble	72
B12	Mike Pugsley	72*	B12	Marc Clatworthy	72*
B13	Darren Atkinson	72	B13	Phil Sandham	75
B14	Wayne Sisson	54	B14	Ian Taylor	42
B15	Damian Cole	64*	B15	Phil Clarke	60
R2	Amaury Molle	15	R2	Renaud Herman	15
R5	Alan Kirkaldy	75	R5	Cameron Fair	60
1400S	William Mains	75	1400S	Claire Williams	60

#### Best 5 rounds count

**2019 B14 Class Winning Driver**  
**Wayne Sissons**  
**with Max Freeman**  
**Tour of Epynt**



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## **Autosport International BTRDA Clubman's Rallycross Championship in partnership with Toyo Tires**

### **BTRDA Rallycross Round 4 – Blyton, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

Round 4 of the BTRDA Rallycross Championship was held on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at Blyton Park in Lincolnshire. The 55-car entry saw the battle for Championship positions heightened, whilst the weather was the opposite of that endured here in October 2018 with the sun shining from start to finish.

James Phillips continued his winning streak in the 'Flitspeed' Production 4X4 Category, finishing over 19 seconds ahead of fellow competitor Christopher Baker in a similar Subaru Impreza. Phillips' victory here saw him leading the Category, having taken 4 consecutive wins, whilst Baker sat comfortably behind him in the points table having had to miss Rounds 2 and 3 at Pembrey in May.

The 'AS Performance' Super Modified Category was full of action as the 15-strong entry battled for a podium finish. Fred Ling, having resolved the mechanical issues which plagued his

attempts at Round 1, took his first victory of the season in his Ford Fiesta. His victory was not easily taken however, as Irishman Padraig Leeson qualified from pole and led for the first half of the race, before suffering a puncture on his Vauxhall Corsa, causing him to drop back down the order. Pat Ryan, having proved his pace at Pembrey, utilised on this and took the lead, only to be beaten by Ling on the final lap. Todd Crooks managed to defeat the drive shaft issues that had damaged two of his three qualifying heat positions, and battled his way up from the B final, eventually coming in 3<sup>rd</sup> behind Ling and Ryan.

Dale Ford in his Citroën Saxo put in another strong performance in the 'Funk Motorsport' Production Category, as he made an impressive start from the second row of the grid to take the lead out of turn 1. He maintained this lead to the chequered flag, with Nathan Jones in his Honda

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Civic hot on his tail having qualified second on the grid. Pole qualifier Dom Booth dropped back in the order as the race progressed, finishing 4<sup>th</sup> behind Jones and previous Category champion James Orton. The B final victory was claimed by Joe Meskauskas, who went on to finish 6<sup>th</sup> in the A Final.

The 'Questmead' Junior Category was led by Alfie Jeakin in his Nissan Micra from the lights to the flag, but once the race was finished he was deemed to have jumped the start and was given a 5 second penalty pushing him back down the order to 4<sup>th</sup> place and meaning that he missed out on a podium finish. Reigning Junior Category and BTRDA Gold Star Champion, Luke Constantine, benefited from Jeakin's mistake, taking victory and scoring top points for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time this season. Ben Sayer took 2<sup>nd</sup>, whilst James Constantine, cousin of Luke, came in 3<sup>rd</sup>. Amy Baines made an impressive return to the Championship after her roll at Round 1, winning the B final and finishing 6<sup>th</sup> in the A final in her Vauxhall Corsa behind Max Langmaid. It is encouraging to see a wide array of cars now entering the Junior Category.

In the 'Steve Gaunt Trailers' Classic Category, Mike Grant impressed as he put in the fastest time of the entire entry in free practice and proceeded to qualify pole in the A Final. His luck was to change however as he had to retire from the final after one lap due to gearbox issues. A similar hand of misfortune was dealt to the Toyota MR2 driver Marc Jones who led the race from the start, with Grant close behind, before he too suffered problems and dropped back the order to finish 5<sup>th</sup>. The difficulties of those ahead playing in the favour of Vince Bristow in his BMW 318 who took the victory, closely followed by David Ewin in his RWD Ford Fiesta and David Martin's Peugeot 205.

The day saw some close and competitive racing and left the fight for Category and Class titles closer than ever. Dale Ford left the event having scored top points in 4 out of 4 events, leading the Overall Championship, but with last year's Champion Luke Constantine chasing him down. It was all to play for as we looked forward to Rounds 5 and 6 at Pembrey in August.

*Jordine Wadge*

### BTRDA Rallycross Rounds 5 and 6 – Pembrey, 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> August 2019

Rounds 5 and 6 of the BTRDA Rallycross Championship were held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2019 at Pembrey Circuit, Wales. The paddock was prepared for poor weather, as the forecast had predicted near constant rain over the weekend and as drivers awoke on Saturday morning it would appear that the predictions were right – the rain came down heavy and the winds were strong. It would seem luck was on our side however as the rain began to cease as practice began, and it remained dry until the end of the finals and throughout Sunday.

Dropped scores had not yet been included in Championship standings, but soon would be, and the battle for the overall Championship title was close. Production driver Dale Ford had maintained the top position, having scored top points at the previous 4 rounds, but 2018's champion Luke Constantine was close behind having scored top points at the previous 3 rounds – making their dropped score totals equal.

This battle would not alter by the end of round 5 however as 'Funk Motorsport' Category Production driver, Ford, managed to maintain his lead despite having a difficult day and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Production A final behind 2019 Championship newcomer Dom Booth in his 2.0l Renault Clio and Nathan Jones in his 2.0l Honda Civic. The benefit of dropped scores in this instance was obvious to Ford, who was hoping for a stronger performance on Sunday to maintain his Overall Championship lead.

Round 6 did not deliver for Ford however, he qualified on the front row of the A Final, only to be unable to start due to a fuel pump failure on the line, securing him points for 8<sup>th</sup> in the Production Category and dropping him to 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Overall standings, only 5 points off current leader Constantine with 2 rounds to go.

Winner of round 5, Booth, took his second win of the weekend, ahead of Rory Denning in his Peugeot 106. Denning's position was not easily gained however as he battled with Jones and



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Trevor Beavan to secure the spot. Lee Keeler suffered a roll in Heat One of round 6, and saw the true spirit of Rallycross come alive when Championship contenders, Tony and Jonny Chrisp pulled together a team to get the car back on track in time for the finals – Keeler thanked them with a 1<sup>st</sup> in the B final and 6<sup>th</sup> in the A final.

As above, Luke Constantine in the 'Questmead' Junior Category performed consistently throughout the weekend, taking the win in both Rounds 5 and 6, giving him top points in 5 out of the 6 Championship rounds held thus far and pushing him up to that top spot in the current Overall Standings. Ben Sayer was consistent too, taking 2<sup>nd</sup> on both days whilst the battle for 3<sup>rd</sup> was close between Alfie Jeakins in his Nissan Micra and cousin of Luke, James Constantine. It was Jeakins who would take 3<sup>rd</sup> on Saturday, whilst Constantine took it on Sunday making it a Suzuki Swift top 3.

In the 'AS Performance' Super Modified Category, Alan Crockett in his RWD Vauxhall

Corsa qualified on Pole, but it was Irishman Pat Ryan who would take the lead from the start and cross the line in 1<sup>st</sup>. He was followed swiftly by Crockett and Alan Tapscott in his similar Corsa. Leigh-Anne Sedgwick was next to cross the line in her Super Modified BMW Mini having double entered the Category over the weekend with her standard BMW Mini as well. Fellow Mini competitor Todd Crooks put in a late entry after his Classic Minicross race was cancelled overseas – this time however he was at the wheel of a standard Production C2 hired from JD Garage.

In Round 6 Crooks managed to secure 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the Category, a good performance for a standard car, whilst Ryan, having qualified on Pole, suffered fuel issues dropping him back in the order to 4<sup>th</sup>. Crockett claimed victory and Sam Bovill came in 2<sup>nd</sup>.

In the 'Steve Gaunt Trailers' Classic Category, Vince Bristow claimed his second victory of the season on Saturday, as race leader Marc Jones spun out of the A final. Bristow was closely followed by Mike Grant, with Jones securing 3<sup>rd</sup>. David Martin followed in 4<sup>th</sup> whilst championship regular David Ewin in his RWD Ford Fiesta battled with engine problems and brought the car back in 5<sup>th</sup>.

Jones luck was to change for Round 6 however as he claimed victory on Sunday, followed by Grant and Martin. Ewin followed in 4<sup>th</sup> having not managed to cure the engine gremlin. Bristow unfortunately had to retire from the event early in the day with engine issues, giving Jones the lead in the Category points.

James Phillips secured his 5<sup>th</sup> category win in the 'Flitspeed' Production 4X4 category, but was beaten to the flag in round 6 by Paul Davis in his similar Subaru. Davis had been forced to retire from the event here at Pembrey earlier in the year due to engine failure and missed round 4 back at Blyton as a new engine was built for the car by R1 Motorsport. The new engine appeared up to standard as he claimed his first victory of the season.

With points across all Category's close, it really is all to play for as the Championship head to Lydden Hill for Round 7 on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019 with a bumper entry of





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over 90 cars. Following this, the Championship will return to Knockhill in Scotland, a first in a number of years for its final round in October – this event will hand the drivers a curveball in the points however, as it is only eligible to be used

as a dropped score for drivers who enter and start the event.

*Jordine Wadge*



**Dom Booth**  
**Production class winner**  
**Pembrey rounds 5 & 6**

**Luke Constantine**  
**Pembrey Junior class winner**



**Pat Ryan and Alan Crocket**  
**Super Modified Class**  
**winners at Pembrey.**

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### BTRDA Rallycross Snippets September 2019

#### "The lure of Lydden"



BTRDA Rallycross round at Lydden Hill on September 28<sup>th</sup> has drawn the largest entry seen in the UK and Lydden this year with an expected 95 cars set to line up for the event. The event has been boosted by a number of British Championship drivers joining the entry. However, it is the strength and depth of the European drivers travelling to the event that will surprise many. The event has attracted around 10 European drivers from as far afield as; Norway, Germany, Belgium and Holland, all adding an extra spice to the event. Most categories are full and will feature full grids throughout the day and it's great to see the Production 4x4 car grids growing in numbers for the event, with an expected 8 cars due to line up on the grid.

The event hit another record when exactly 3 months prior to the event on June 28<sup>th</sup>, the entry list stood at an amazing 90 cars!

The event forms part of the penultimate round of the 2019 Championship and as it stands it is 2018 Gold Star winner and overall champion Luke Constantine who leads the way with his junior spec Suzuki Swift. Dale Ford, Citroen Saxo and Marc Jones, Toyota MR2 are chasing him hard and the championship is sure to go down to the wire at the final round at Knockhill on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

*Pictured: Some of the European entries*



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### Knockhill is go.....

We are pleased to confirm that the final round of the 2019 championship at Knockhill is all systems go after MotorsportUK inspected the circuit and granted a Rallycross license for the 2019 layout. The event is attracting a lot of attention both from these shores, but also from across the Irish sea and there are a number of Autocross cars who are looking to join in at the event.

### The Future:

Work in on going putting together the 2020 Championship and its looking like the calendar will be made up of events at; Blyton, Pembrey, Lydden and Knockhill. With round 1 already confirmed for Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March at Blyton, followed by another round on Sunday June 28<sup>th</sup>. Its highly likely that the Knockhill final round will take place on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October, so that just leaves the 2 rounds at Lydden Hill and 3 rounds at Pembrey to be finalised to make up the 8 round calendar. The Championship and technical regulations are likely to remain mostly unchanged, however the committee is working on a 'potential' new category to bridge the gap between Production and SuperModified, which would allow more modern vehicles, turbo charged cars, minimum weights of around 1050kgs, LSD's, and other limited mods to engine management systems, panels and suspension.

### Obituary – Shaun Buckley Classic #3

The BTRDA were saddened to hear of the passing of Classic Rallycross competitor Shaun Buckley, who was tragically killed in a Road Traffic Collision on 6<sup>th</sup> July. Shaun was a keen racer and motorsport enthusiast, who enjoyed competing in Rallycross and Rallying alike. Shaun joined the Championship in 2016 in his Mk 2 Ford Escort and took the Historic Class by storm as he was crowned Champion in his debut year having won 2 of his 6 events. His success continued into 2017 as he took 1<sup>st</sup> place at round 1 and enjoyed many battles with fellow escort driver and friend Brian Hardman. Shaun wowed the crowds each time he competed with his flamboyant driving style bringing a smile to the faces of many. Over the last year, Shaun had been working on a new Hillman Imp for the Classic category, which was due to be debuted at Lydden Hill in September.

Shaun's life was celebrated on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019, with hundreds of people in attendance, and several rally cars on parade in his honour.



All drivers entered for rounds 5 and 6 at Pembrey were given a sticker to wear on their cars in memory of Shaun, this will be repeated at round 7 at Lydden Hill. The proceeds from these stickers has been donated to Shaun's families and we hope that drivers will wear them with pride.


The BTRDA would like to extend their sympathies to Shaun's family and friends at this difficult time.



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### Results after Round 6

BTRDA Championship Overall		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Luke Constantine	200
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dale Ford	195
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Marc Jones	192
4 <sup>th</sup>	Pat Ryan	190
5 <sup>th</sup>	Vince Bristow	188



**BTRDA Supermodified Category**



**BTRDA Production Category**

AS PERFORMANCE Overall SuperMod		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Pat Ryan	190
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Alan Crockett	188
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Todd Crooks	176
4 <sup>th</sup>	Allan Tapscott	165

FUNK MOTORSPORT Overall Production		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Dale Ford	195
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dom Booth	178
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nathan Jones	177
4 <sup>th</sup>	Joe Meskauskas	149

SuperModified up to 1600cc		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Todd Crooks	66

Production 1600 8V Class		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Jonny Chrisp	99
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tony Chrisp	90

1601 to 2100cc SuperModified Class		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Pat Ryan	173
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Alan Crockett	170
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gary Cook	124
4 <sup>th</sup>	Fred Ling	106

Production 1600 16V Class		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Dale Ford	200
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Joe Meskauskas	175
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lee Keeler	167
4 <sup>th</sup>	Ryan Randall	149
5 <sup>th</sup>	Dale Riches	148

Over 2101cc SuperModified Class		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Alan Tapscott	179
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Leigh-Anne Sedgewick	171
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Todd Crooks	157
4 <sup>th</sup>	Michelle Swallow	150

Production 1601 to 2000 Class		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Nathan Jones	191
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dom Booth	190
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Sue Lane	171
4 <sup>th</sup>	Bradley Sampson	165
5 <sup>th</sup>	Robert Hindley	122

SuperModified BMW Mini Class		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Leigh-Anne Sedgewick	66





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**Classic Category**

Overall Classic Category		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Marc Jones	192
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Vince Bristow	188
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mike Grant	177
4 <sup>th</sup>	Dave Martin	171

Classic SuperModified Class		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Marc Jones	162
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mike Grant	151
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dave Ewin	145

Classic Modified Class		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Vince Bristow	160
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dave Martin	153
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Harry Vaulkhard	33
4 <sup>th</sup>	Brian Hardman	26



**FLITSPEED**

**Production 4 x 4 Category**

FLITSPEED Production 4x4 Cat.		
1 <sup>st</sup>	James Phillips	165
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Chris Rasher-Baker	118
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Paul Davis	63



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1 <sup>st</sup>	Simon Horton	33



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QUESTMEAD/710 OIL Junior Rallycross		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Luke Constantine	200
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Alfie Jeakins	180
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ben Sayer	177
4 <sup>th</sup>	James Constantine	175
5 <sup>th</sup>	Charlie Titcombe	159
6 <sup>th</sup>	Abbey McGuinness	146

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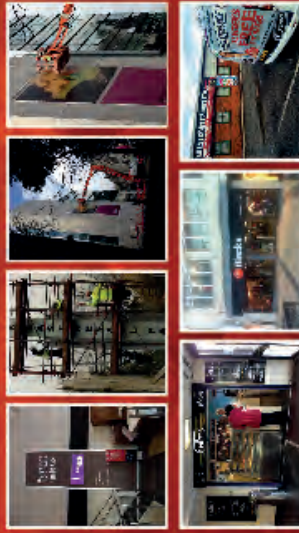


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## GOLD & SILVER SNAPPED UP QUICKLY!...

As each season of the Jordan Road Surfacing BTRDA Rally Series® begins, it's impossible to know just how they'll pan out - sometimes, we have to wait until the dying moments of the final round to see our champions crowned but then, perhaps more unusually, a level of domination is achieved such that we're in no doubt as to the destination of a particular trophy long before the calendar has reached its conclusion. 2019 falls into the latter category - at least as far as the Gold and Silver Star Championships are concerned.... However, as there are so many component parts that go towards making the BTRDA Rally Series what it is, there's still plenty going on throughout the field!...

Scotsmen Euan Thorburn/Paul Beaton last ventured south of Hadrian's Wall for a serious attempt at the BTRDA Gold Star® Rally Championship back in 2013. The records show that their invasion ultimately proved successful and now, six years on, the pair fancied another crack at the coveted Jordan Road Surfacing-sponsored series. Their trusty Focus WRC took outright victory on the season-opening Cambrian Rally, followed it up with a similar result on the Malcolm Wilson Rally and then again on the Rallynuts Stages. A fourth consecutive win, this time on the Plains Rally, left the pair requiring one more good result to claim the title - and three events in which to do it. Nevertheless, they wasted no time in putting the matter to bed - an entry on Round 5, the Nicky Grist Stages, produced what had become an all-too-familiar result and, certainly as far as the others were concerned, it was 'game over'!

Moving on to the BTRDA Silver Star® Championship, although he didn't have things all his own way, George Lepley had persevered to take the 2018 title, among other things, in his R2 Fiesta. There were some raised eyebrows, therefore, when he began his quest for back-to-back victories in series sponsor Baz Jordan's Historic spec. Hillman Avenger. However, 'they' needn't have worried - a string of

four maximum scores saw him arrive in Builth Wells for the Nicky Grist in a similar position to Euan Thorburn, i.e. one more good run and that would be a second Silver Star title in the bag. In the event, 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the points, behind Andy Davison's Talbot Sunbeam VXR and the Escort RS of new recruit Jason Pritchard, was still more than enough to seal the deal.

Then, for the Woodpecker Stages, George appeared in a Mitsubishi Lancer EVOX and, having shown us what he's capable of with just two driven wheels at his disposal, went on to take maximum Gold Star points on what was his first competitive outing in a four-wheel drive machine!... Is there no end to this young man's talents?... With just the Trackrod Forest Stages to go, it's not beyond the realms of possibility that George's name will appear in a podium spot in this year's Gold Star Championship as well. Now, that would be a first!...

While on the subject of early arrivals at the champions' enclosure, we must also include Perry Gardener, son of 2006 Gold Star winner Shaun, who, with more than a little help from co-driver Keaton Williams, succeeded that man Lepley to the BTRDA Rallye R2 Cup title with two rounds to spare. It had already been widely publicised that the leading driver in that particular category following the Woodpecker Stages would earn themselves a free entry to the National section of Wales Rally GB through its 'Road to Wales' scheme - so, Gardener's



George Lepley/Tom Woodburn Woodpecker Stages  
Photo: Malc Almond/Kevin Money

hurry to get the job sorted has given him an extra seven weeks to prepare for the outing! Good luck from all at the BTRDA...

Following the Woodpecker Stages, Class B13 sees a tie for the lead between Richard Sykes (Lancer EVO9) and Richard Hill (Impreza). It's been a very up-and-down season for all concerned but it's now down to a shoot-out on the North York Moors and the first one home will be declared the winner.

On the subject of close finishes, the BTRDA Production Cup® has once again provided some nail-biting moments during the season. Scott Faulkner/Gareth Parry had been leading former champions Pat Naylor/Ian Lawrence and Russ Thompson/Andy Murphy but, following three consecutive maximums, their Lancer EVO9 failed to finish the Nicky Grist, dropping them into the clutches of their rivals. Naylor came out on top on that occasion and followed it up with a similar result on the Woodpecker. So, that's three maximums apiece for Naylor and Faulkner, leaving them a mere one point apart and, similar to B13, first one back to Filey will be crowned 2019 Champion...

Zak Hughes/Tom Wood had been dominating the MRF Fiesta ST Trophy - four wins from four starts would leave the opposition in no doubt as to their intentions! Unlike Thorburn/Beaton, though, they then failed to capitalise on the all-important fifth event - instead, leaving it until the Woodpecker to put the matter beyond doubt.

Andy Davison/Tom Murphy took their second Jordan Road Surfacing BTRDA Silver Star® 'win' on the Woodpecker, confirming their 2<sup>nd</sup> & 1<sup>st</sup> respectively in this year's Championship 'Roll of Honour'. However, unlike his Rallye R2 Cup triumph, the 3<sup>rd</sup> place currently occupied by Perry Gardener isn't safe but, whatever the final outcome, the young Ludlow driver has made his mark.

R2 wins on both the Nicky Grist & Woodpecker Stages have elevated Tommi Meadows into runner-up spot, with only Tony Simpson in a position to alter that situation before the final

**Callum Black/Michael Gilby on the Nicky Grist Stages**  
**Photo: Malc Almond/Kevin Money**



reckoning. However, nothing less than a win on the Trackrod Rally will do...

Having missed the opening round of the season, Callum Black/Michael Gilbey joined the Fuchs Lubricants BTRDA 1400® Championship on Round 2 and took maximum points in their MG ZR. They staged repeat performances on the next two events but, then, could do no better than 3<sup>rd</sup> on the Nicky Grist. Disappointment, perhaps, but huge relief to reach Builth Wells at all as the MG's oil pressure warning light had been glowing for a while before they got there!... Restored to full health, the car set off from Ludlow on the Woodpecker to take its fourth maximum and, more importantly, put itself - and its crew - in an unassailable position in terms of the title.

Long-time leaders Chris Powell/Jim Lewis were on their way back to Hereford after three stages when their Talbot Sunbeam succumbed to mechanical woes - its first retirement of the season - while Steve Black/Paul Morris (Suzuki Swift), Dominic Hodge/Stefan Arndt (Micra) and Noel Lappin/Will Atkins (Ford Escort) each took their sixth consecutive finish.

Class 1400C will go down to the wire - Mat & Dan Evans' early run of victories was brought to an abrupt halt by a loud bang emanating from under the bonnet of their Peugeot 205 on the Nicky Grist. Fortunately (for them!), class rival Richard Garnett (Micra) had problems of his own that day, but the Evans brothers' absence from Ludlow gave rise to a change at the top of the table. If the current order is to be reversed once





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more, the Peugeot doesn't have to win the class on the Trackrod - but it *must* finish!

Joseph Keen's attempt to claim the BTRDA Rally First® Championship title on the Woodpecker fell foul of a dose of over-enthusiasm when his MG ZR rolled out of the event on the second stage. Graham Roberts' 2.0 litre version scored maximum points which now puts him within touching distance of the leader with just one event to go! Do the trees (on the North York Moors) have ears? If so, there'll be some interesting conversations to listen to on 28<sup>th</sup> September...

The 'TCS at 40' Junior Driver & Co-driver awards continue to benefit various under-25 BTRDA Rally Series contenders. As might be expected, the name 'Lepley' appears regularly on the list and on the Woodpecker, for example, Zak Hughes, Tommi Meadows, Tom Murphy, Abi Haycock and Gareth Parry all left Ludlow in a better financial state than when they arrived!...

Returning to the forests after a brief sojourn on asphalt, courtesy of the Otterburn-based

Tyneside Stages Rally at the beginning of August, the MAXXIS Motorsport UK English Rally Championship continued on the Woodpecker Stages.... and it'll come as no surprise to learn that the name of George Lepley remains at the top of the table! A couple of points adrift we find Callum Black who, in turn, has Andy Davison breathing down his neck. Pretenders to the English Championship crown have two more events - the Trackrod Forest Stages followed by the Wyedean Stages in early November - on which to assert themselves as they strive to succeed 2018 winners Ian Joel/Graeme Wood in adding a Motorsport UK-backed Championship title to their rallying CVs.

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### Gold Star Championship

	Overall Driver	Points
1	Euan Thorburn	150
2	Patrick Naylor	133*
3	Scott Faulkner	130*
4	George Lepley	127*
5	Russ Thompson	115*
	Overall Co-Driver	Points
1	Paul Beaton	150
2	Ian Lawrence	136*
3	Gareth Parry	133*
4	Tom Woodburn	128
5	Andy Murphy	121*

### Silver Star Championship

	Overall Driver	Points
1	George Lepley	147
2	Andy Davison	135*
3	Perry Gardener	126*
4	Rob Wright	121*
5	Tommi Meadows	117*
	Overall Co-Driver	Points
1	Tom Murphy	135*
2	Keaton Williams	130*
3	Tom Woodburn	118
4	Tom Wood	116*
5	Ian Bevan	112*



### 1400 Championship



	Overall Driver	Points
1	Callum Black	147
2	Chris Powell	144*
3	Steve Black	137*
4	Dominic Hodge	127*
5	Noel Lappin	126*

	Overall Co-Driver	Points
1	Michael Gilbey	147
2	Jim Lewis	144*
3	Paul Morris	137
4	Stefan Arndt	128*
5	Will Atkins	124*

### BTRDA Rally First Championship



Driver	Points	Co-driver	Points
Joseph Keen	91	Mark Townson	61
Graham Roberts	88	Liam Johnson	34
Wesley Gilford	57	Alex Stanbury	28

### The Historic Cup



Driver	Points	Co-driver	Points
George Lepley	100	Tom Woodburn	80
David Gathercole	62	Mike Crawford	59
Steve Ward	57	Cliff Simmons	41







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### BTRDA Production Cup



Driver	Points	Co-driver	Points
Patrick Naylor	95*	Ian Lawrence	95*
Scott Faulkner	94*	Gareth Parry	94*
Russ Thompson	89*	Andy Murphy	89*

### BTRDA Rallye R2 Cup



Driver	Points	Co-driver	Points
Perry Gardener	96*	Keaton Williams	98*
Tommi Meadows	90*	Ian Bevan	89*
James Giddings	86*	Tim Tordoff	80*

### Fiesta ST Trophy



Driver	Points	Co-driver	Points
Zak Hughes	100*	Tom Wood	100*
Bobby Mitchell	75	Shannon Turnbull	75
Steven Ormond-Smith	68	Mark Townson	36



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# 2019 English Rally Championship

	Driver	Points		Co-driver	Points
1	George Lepley	75	1	Tom Wood	92
2	Callum Black	73	2	Gareth Parry	82
3	Andy Davison	72	3	Tom Woodburn	75
4	Rob Wright	68	4	Michael Gilbey	73
5	James Giddings	67	5	Tom Murphy	69

\*Best 5 rounds count

All results are shown following Woodpecker Stages



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### **LOW DOWN TORQUE**

Far be it for me to be predictable and open this column with a comment on how the year has flown by, when I'm prompted, by looking back at the Summer edition of News, to reflect on the interesting and varied reports from our events earlier in the season. I'm indebted to all the report writers, then and now, for taking a share in the Car Trials contribution to this worthy publication.

Writing just after the Gaby Mohr Memorial trial, event 10 of the 11 qualifying rounds this year, I'm encouraged to note that we've had 6 different winners on events thus far, from all three classes. As is often the case, there has been one dominant winner, but the nature of our indexed scoring system, the ground conditions, competitors' start numbers and reading of the hills all contribute to making the sport somewhat unpredictable and certainly not a foregone conclusion as we head out of the paddock at the start of each trial.

We're "racing" towards our end of season Grand Final trial on 13<sup>th</sup> October, now to be held at an established trials site at Bromsgrove alongside

MGCC Midland Centre's Autumn Trial and another of their "Taster" days. Yes, there will be a lot going on within the confines of a relatively small site, but working tirelessly on the cause since we were made aware that our original plans for the Final could not go ahead, Barrie Parker has put in hours of time and put in many a mile to work closely with Adrian Tucker-Peake to ensure the final will be memorable for all the right reasons. Securing the expert services of Duncan Stephens as our Clerk of the Course should put the icing on (his mother's) cake.

Shortly after the Final we will be assembling the calendar of events and considering our Championship Rules for 2020. We're aware of one or two date changes from the norm and we're also working towards incorporating a "Yorkshire Weekend", but any suggestions for new events would be most welcome – by email to me please.

Good luck for the Grand Final.

**Neil Mackay**

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### **Golden Springs Car Trial. 26<sup>th</sup> May 2019. Woolbridge Motor Club**

After having to postpone (along with Windwhistle the same weekend) from their original date of 17<sup>th</sup> March because of the threat of a waterlogged venue, Woolbridge rescheduled the Golden Springs on the 28<sup>th</sup> May – the Bank Holiday weekend. Whether this suited the majority or not I doubt, because there were only 11 Championship contenders made it to the non-clubman's Category of the event. Clubman's got 17 entries including 4 in the newly innovated 'soft roader' taster class. It probably wasn't just because it was a Bank Holiday weekend, it was just unfortunate that the date had to be rearranged and that the venue is a long way for a lot of people to go.

Anyway, for those of us who DID go, it was well worth the effort and the trip. Mark Hoppé was Clerk of the Course and the venue is very good. Mark made the most of the space and variation available over three fields to set out eight very long, often very wide, and different hills. Brilliant. It was challenging enough to decide which route or line to take, let alone then to choose how to tackle the chosen route!.

After the morning 16 hills, many tweaked after round 1, Henry Kitching and Trevor Moffatt in their 'standard class' Corsas were only 4 marks apart in Henry's favour. In the larger Class 2 (5 of them), Garry Preston in his classic Fiat 127 was comfortable ahead of co-driver Rich Harrison with Rupert North, 1 mark trailing. I had a good lead in the Westfield of less than half of anyone else's score in my class, but it was a futile pursuit because there were only 4 of us in Class 3.

After lunch, with altered and even replacement hills, and with the help of 'ground reading' expert Duncan, new challenges were before us. For two more rounds we had bumps, banks, adverse cambers, tree roots, earth – everything but mud to contend with!

The scoring trend didn't change as Henry, Garry and myself extended our individual class leads.

The overall win was always going to come from Class 2 as that was the only class with enough entries in it, 5 to be exact. And so Henry had to be content with first in Class 1 on 100% index, I had to be content with winning Class 3 on 83%



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index and Garry was delighted to win overall with 77% index – a result which has helped him be the only one at this stage of the Championship (5/9/19) to be able to challenge Mark for the Championship(s) titles.

The event was well organised, had good facilities, good marshals and great hills. Let's

### **Wye Valley, 23 June**

We arrived at the wonderful Ross and District site with the conditions looking very dry, but sure that our very capable clerk would be able to stop us with some trickery on the sections.

The entry was topped up with the running of Clubmans classes and this allowed for some strategic team selection for the inter-association trophy which the ASWMC had asked Ross to run this year on their behalf.

So with a total entry of 31 split into the following classes

Nat 1 9 entrants	Club 1 3 entrants
Nat 2 5 entrants	Club 2 3 entrants
Nat 3 6 entrants	Club 3 5 entrants

Off we went to the sections after efficient scrutineering and drivers briefing.

The event was actually bringing together many championships so there was a lot at stake for some of the prevalent drivers, with points available in BTRDA, MS UK, CMSG, ASWMC, AWMCM championships.....almost a fantastic scrabble hand !

The hills were generally in the same place as previous years, but with careful management on each round it was a test of driving and

hope next year more of you go down to Dorset to compete on the Golden Springs, the more that enter, the better it will be for all of us.

Many thanks to Mark and the Woolbridge team.

**Barrie Parker**

observation.....going the wrong way is not a smart move!

Class 1 looked as though normal service would resume with Henry Kitching and Trevor Moffatt trading virtual blows in their old but effective Corsa Sports (this is the new car class !)

But wait, what was happening - Graham Price was daring to get into the mix in his 2003 plate Classic Beetle straight from Mexico. The rear engined new Classic was signed off as class 1 eligible and was giving the Corsa boys a run for their money. So much so that after lunch Graham dispensed with Trevor and set off after Henry - just missing out at the end by a small margin. So no Beetlemania this week!

Class 2 was going to be a challenge with the Cotswold contenders always being strong in their backyard. The battle was tight between Ray Jacobs, Rupert North and eventual winner Garry Preston in his developing Fiat 127. Garry took the win by 24 points from Ray and Rupert who tied but Ray won on number of cleans.

Class 3 was going to be a struggle for Simon Harris to stop with the dry conditions. Mark Hoppé and Barrie Parker looked like they were going to do battle but Mark chipped points out of

Barrie on several hills and looked as though he was not going to give up the overall win with some controlled trickling in the Melos.

At the end Mark had beaten Barrie with Kevin Roberts bringing his Phaeton home in 3rd.

The overall win went to Mark with a 54% index with Henry 2nd on 77%

The index was important for the inter association and it was Hoppé and Jacobs with clubman Chris Hellings (Suzuki Ignis) who had the lowest combined index as the



**Mark Hoppé at the Wye Valley Trial**  
**Photo: Angela Danby**

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ASWMC team to take the superb trophy away.

Overall a very enjoyable and well organised event in glorious weather.....right up until the fantastic glass awards were given out and then the heavens opened torrentially. Several top trialists failed to negotiate exiting the field

without the assistance of a tractor - such was the impact of the heavy rain.

A great job done by Ross and District motor club.

**Mark Hoppé**

### **The Cymru Trial – 20<sup>th</sup> July**

The 57<sup>th</sup> Cymru Trial took place on the Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July the first day of the second Welsh weekend. It was well supported with 27 championship entrants across the classes with an unusually high level of competitors in Class 1. It was further boosted by the returning Bill Stronach from Class 2.

Upon arrival the weather was changeable and after overnight rain the long grass on the on the steep slopes caused very slippery conditions for the first round. One hill had to be altered to prevent a reoccurrence of a car sliding down the hillside out of the section and but for a well-placed embankment it would have probably continued down into the valley.

In class 1 Henry Kitching and Trevor Moffatt continued in the battle of the Corsa's with closely matched marks on all hills except hill 4 which would prove to be the main decider for the day. Moffatt managed to trickle his Corsa up the slope significantly further than Kitching to give him a lead after the end of the first round. Barrie Parker skilfully matched the Corsa's early on in his little Fiat but dropped behind when he wasn't able to compete with the power of the Corsa's when it mattered.

In Class 2 it was a close battle between all the entrants with Garry Preston taking a lead over the rest of the class who were split by only three points. Neil Mackay debuted his Suzuki Ignis after finally retiring the Citroen AX and it shows some promise as a very capable little car.

In Class 3 Mark Hoppé in his Dutton and Dave Oliver in his Imp had a very close battle trading points on different hills but ultimately finishing the round even but significantly ahead of the rest of the class. Although the biggest achievement was the return of Jeff Buchanan's MX5 after its

acrobatics earlier this year at the Blodyn Aur trial. Now repaired it was still a little battered and bruised but still proved a capable midfield contender.

Round 2 saw Henry Kitching recover some ground on Trevor Moffatt but still remained one point behind at lunch in drying conditions with Barrie Parker loser further ground. Likewise, in class 2 saw Rupert North close the gap to one point on class leader Garry Preston and both pulled away from the rest of the class. Class 3 saw Mark Hoppé open up a three point gap against Dave Oliver on the last hill of the morning with a significant gap until the next competitor John Charles.

The afternoon brought mixed conditions with the odd shower altering the grip at regular intervals. Trevor Moffatt and Henry Kitching condition to battle it out in class 1 with Trevor pulling out a lead after a couple of good climbs significantly on hill 4 again which ultimately gave him the class win. Barrie Parker was a close third with John Wandsworth forth. Rupert North overhauled the lead of Garry Preston and took the class win by a mere 2 points. Neil Mackay beat Richard Harrison to third place by 1 point. Mark Hoppé dropped 1 point to Dave Oliver all afternoon closing the gap to 2 point but retained the class win with John Charles third.

After the indexing, Trevor Moffatt secured 1st overall, retaining the trophy after matching his result at the event 12 months ago. Mark Hoppé was awarded for lowest marks on the day and was second overall with Dave Oliver completing the top three.

**Trevor Moffatt**

### **Clwyd Trial, 21 July - Day 2 of the July Welsh Weekend.**

In contrast to the previous day, good weather greeted the entrants to Sunday's Clwyd trial. There didn't seem to be too many bleary eyes

after the previous night's meal and drinks! The 8 tough sections (run 4 times) that awaited us made good use of the natural features on the

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site, a couple utilised old mineral workings with ups and downs and the remainder incorporating more conventional banks of one sort or another.

Class 1 saw a first-round battle between the usual protagonists of Henry Kitching, previous day winner Trevor Moffatt and old hand Barrie Parker. Henry on 21 from Trevor on 25 and Barrie 26. By lunchtime Henry had held his lead, dropping 32 to Trevor's 36 and Barrie now trailing on 45 and John Wadsworth 78.

In Class 2, Garry Preston pressed home the big advantage he had over Rupert North on the first round of eight sections to hold on at lunchtime with 15 dropped to Rupert North's 18, leaving the rest of the class trailing in their wake. Ifan Roberts on 41, Rich Harrison 45, Neil Mackay 66 and Sion Griffiths 84.

Class 3 was looking interesting with usual leader Mark Hoppé on 11, Kevin Roberts (sharing Mark's Dutton) 19, John Charles 19, a rare slip from Dave Oliver dropped him down the order on 21, Nigel Jones 33 and Jeff Buchanan 42.

*After lunch things got interesting!*

The rest of Class 1 had a shock when Barrie stunned them all with an incredible round of 3!!!! The nimble Seicento proving ideal for the now very tight steep sections. By way of contrast, Henry dropped 19 and Trevor 18.

Class 2 also hotted up with Rupert dropping 6 to Garry's 7; it was going to be a close finish!

Class 3 had Dave Oliver claw back to drop 3 from Mark Hoppé and John Charles on 4 Kevin Roberts in hot pursuit on 5.

### **Gaby Mohr Memorial Car Trial – Wolverhampton & South Staffs Car Club September 8<sup>th</sup> 2019. Venue.....Aston Eyre Nr Bridgenorth**

There were 26 starters all National B as WSSCC ran their Clubmans event the previous day all on previously used site from a few years ago.

The entry was reasonably evenly split between the classes, 7 in class 1, 9 in class 2 and unusually 10 in class 3.

Round 1, with the dew still heavy on the ground after a slight frost made for some slippery conditions and some quite high scores, Trevor Moffatt in his trusty Corsa managed the best of class 1 on 53, hills 2 and 5 being the real challenge for this class. Ray Jacobs and Gary Preston tied on 32 in class 2 with Rupert North

The last round was to be decisive and traumatic for some!

In Class 1 old timer Parker carried on with his superb drive to drop 5 and take the class win with a 10 point lead on the day over Trevor and Henry.

Class 2 saw a dramatic finish when Garry's fuel pump failed at hill 1. After a lot of swearing and sweating another pump was fitted (unselfishly provided by Mark Hoppé and a spare for luck from Henry Kitching). During this time the rest of the field had carried on and finished the event!

All the marshals waited whilst Garry and Rich Harrison (sharing the 127) raced round to complete the last 8 hills.

Rupert had another good round dropping 4, getting used to the Mini was Ifan Roberts on 6. Neil Mackay in the newly acquired Suzuki Ignis on a credible 9, Rich Harrison 17.

Garry and Rich arrived back at the paddock to a loud cheer and round of applause as the rest of the field were loaded up and waiting to go home!!!!!!

The results were quickly calculated leaving a very surprised Garry overall winner after a hard and challenging day. The hills were the usual very demanding and tricky format we have come to expect from capable clerk of course Pete Dale. Well marshalled by the club members as usual.

**Garry Preston**

not far back on 36, again all finding the cambers a challenge. Class 3 saw the early retirement of Richard Tomkins the Imps clutch crying enough, Dave Oliver had a good round, first on the hills and dropping 1 point, Mark Hoppé on 15, Barrie Parker on 19.

Round 2, The ground drying rapidly now, Tim Beard tying with Trevor Moffatt for this round on 41 each in class 1, Class 2 Gary Preston just getting the best of it on 8, Simon Harris and Ray Jacobs on 9. The shared Suzuki Ignis of Neil Mackay and Phil Darbyshire lowered its exhaust system to the ground causing them to miss most

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of the round. Class 3 and Steve Courts refound his confidence in the trusty Imp to go clear, Dave Oliver on 1 and Mark Hoppé on 2.

During lunch as the ground dried further C of C John Fox moved the hills to try and find some fresh ground,

Rounds 3 and 4 were still fairly high scores for class 1, but Trevor Moffatt kept Tim Beard at bay. Class 2 saw some low scores from Gary Preston and a charging Howard Stephens in a Saxo. Sadly Ray Jacobs had to retire from a solid 2<sup>nd</sup> in class with a broken driveshaft. Mark Hoppé and Dave Oliver were clear all afternoon in class 3.

Thanks to all at WSSCC for a good well marshalled event.



Dave Oliver at the Wye Valley Trial  
Photo: Angela Danby

Dave Oliver	2	1 <sup>st</sup> O/A	6.80%
Trevor Moffatt	140	1 <sup>st</sup> Class 1	85.78%
Gary Preston	57	1 <sup>st</sup> Class 2	94.37%
Mark Hoppé	17	1 <sup>st</sup> Class 3	57.82%

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### Scorer's Snippets 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019

We have nineteen contenders who have qualified for the Grand Final this year. Although we have an encouraging five more registered contenders than last year, it is disappointing to report that there is one less qualifier this time. However, it is appreciated that circumstances change – breakage of car, family commitments, new car or a new knee do curtail one's activities somewhat. Although the Final will have happened (or maybe it's tomorrow!) as you read this, a little speculating will do no harm – apart to my reputation.

Mark Hoppé and Garry Preston are the only drivers to be taking the full six maximums to the Final. Trevor Moffatt can close the gap by winning his class on the final qualifying event and he could get up to 59 – but Henry Kitching might have a word there and win the class, easing him up to join Trevor on 58 instead. Those four are then, in my view, the favourites to win Gold Star®. Rupert North or Barrie Parker could pull off a stunning victory, or the top four could break their cars – so it is not all over by any means.

And then there all the other championships and awards within the main Championship. Trevor Moffatt (if he doesn't win the Gold Star) is well clear in the Silver Star® championship, and Kevin Roberts, Neil Mackay and I will be scrapping over the Runner up spot.

In Bronze, John Charles is leading, but the lead is not decisive and he could go into the Final with newcomer Graham Price and returner Richard Harrison close behind. Ifan Roberts isn't too much farther back either, so if any of them have a bad day, then it is all to play for.

On top of all the trophies and awards mentioned above, we also celebrate the Class winners too. And because of all the championships' awards, the Class awards may not go to the class winners on the day, but to the next deserving driver. Not to mention the Mac Hazlewood, Jack Williams and Mike Stephens trophies; and it will be a pleasure to be announcing a winner of the Nancy Mitchel trophy this year too (I hope and expect).

**Simon Harris**



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### From The Hot Seat

We are now 4 events on from my last article, but with no noticeable improvement in event entries despite having 39 Championship registrations, most of whom are seasoned Autotesters. The Committee will bang their heads together when they meet in October to see if they can come up with some ideas to improve support, but, at the moment, there is nothing obvious unless you know better? Fortunately, our loyal band of organisers have stuck with us and produced some cracking events.

Moving on to which the competition has remained intense with Alastair Moffatt and Malcolm Livingston battling it out for FTD, whilst Chris Chapman and Willie Keaning snap at their heels. Alastair has been peerless, despite a number of mechanical issues, and managed to keep his nose just in front of Malcolm, who has also battled the odd gremlin including several engine rebuilds. It looks like Alastair will collect his eight Autotest Gold Star at the end of the season, but Malcolm will push him to the end.

With respect to the others, and with 2 events to go, Willie Keaning has got to be "driver of the year" for his outstanding driving of his Irish Striker. Over the years I have seen several drivers transform their performance by a car change and this is a classic example with Willie being a potential FTD on every outing.

In the Classes, although he hasn't had much opposition, Charlie Lower continues put in some excellent performances in his Mini, coming 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in Anglesey, and has only missed one round of the Championship so far. Warren Gillespie has dominated the Nova class from Murray Walker and daughter Kelsey, but the late arrival of Toby Cook – getting some time off from building WRC cars in Cockermouth – and John Moffatt buying back his Nova will stir the pot. Chris Chapman and Willie Keaning contest the battle of the Strikers in the Sports Car Class with Steve Morten and Ian Chapman ready to pounce on any error. As previously stated, the Specials have been dominated by Alastair and



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Malcolm, but Paul Fobister (when not on holiday!) has put in some great performances as he has come to terms with his re-built Fobby Special to hold the next place in the Class. Whilst the "standard" car class is not well supported it gives an opportunity for those wanting a taster and our Allrounder competitors. One of these is Bob Milligan, whose car it turns out has benefitted from the hand of the "Master", Mr Ken Irwin, and whose driver exhibits the Irish touch.



**Toby Cook**  
**Photo: Fern Motorsport**

Unfortunately there have been some notable absentees during the year; with Dave Mosey now well on the mend after ill health curtailed his motorsport activities; Richard Pinkney, having suffered terminal engine issues with the Caterham has struggled to come to terms with his newly acquired Westfield, he is nearly there but appears to have decided to reach peak fitness first by undertaking numerous extended bike rides and even the Great North run to raise money for Diabetes UK – well done Richard you will definitely be the fittest in the Paddock when you return; and finally Stuart Perren has been forced to take a sabbatical and is spending his time building a Sporting Trials car – enough said!

So, as I write, there are just 2 events to go and another season will draw to a close, however, not before the "piece de la resistance" which is the Ken Wharton Memorial Autotests, that once again will take place at its original venue, The Chateau Impney at Droitwich on the 19<sup>th</sup> October.

**Steve Layton**

### **From the Pits**

I start this article with the sad news of the passing of two stalwarts of the autotest/AutoSOLO scene in the last few months. The first is Molly Larkin who looked after the BTRDA Autotest committee members for many years when meetings were held at their various Larkin homes around the Rugby area and John was the chairman. Molly always provided an excellent meal which included a chocolate cake. She also helped John run the young drivers competitions which was supported by members of the BTRDA throughout the country. The second is Ian Harrison who competed in autotests for many years in various Triumphs and was a staunch member of the Triumph Owners Club. When AutoSOLOs started Ian was a keen supporter, running the Dolphin MC round at the CAR-nival Abingdon weekend. Not only that he competed

in a GBS Zero sports car which he built with his son Stuart and with which Stuart won the class in 2014 with maximum points but lost out the overall championship on tie breaks. Despite his pancreatic cancer Ian was still competing when he was able to and it was with great pleasure he was an award winner not too long ago at the Bath MC Kemble event. I last saw him being blown around by the wind on his mobility scooter at Abingdon this year. He was still smiling, offering advice and wishing everybody well. Many thanks go to Ian and Molly for their contributions to BTRDA motorsport.

I am sure many people marvel at the way the entrants in the BTRDA Autotest championship propel their cars round the fiendishly complicated tests which we can all view on the BTRDA Autotest Facebook page. Reading an article in *Enjoying MG*, the magazine of the

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MGOC, written by Tony Dron recalling his exploits in winning the MG Maestro championship in 1987 it only made me think that perhaps nothing has changed over the last 30 years. The championship was a multidiscipline series with rallies, races, a sprint, a PCT and an autotest. If I can quote from the article it includes:

*"There was just one autotest, a devilishly complicated business in a fading East Coast seaside resort. I did not win it, I hasten to add, but I did beat all my usual rivals to increase my championship lead. The people who finished ahead of me were all autotest experts. It still puzzles me why I could never beat them at their own game. I took it unbelievably seriously, to the point of spending evenings before the event with a model car and toy traffic cones on a table top. I laid out each of the many, tricky tests with the cones and did my homework, learning every one until I knew I would get the routes right on the day (yes, I always was a boring nerd about motorsport, and proud of it). I also mastered the special tricks required, such as 180-degree spins in reverse. On the day, I was sure that I could not possible have gone faster anywhere. But still the expert autotesters beat me. I had to bow to their superiority."*

Perhaps the devilishly complicated description still applies! Maybe the thing that has changed is the model car and cones on a table top – or has it? The expert who beat Tony at that fine place of Felixstowe in 1987 was no less than BTRDA member Phil Darbyshire who went on to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Maestro championship that year having been previously been 2<sup>nd</sup> in 1986. Phil does admit however that he practised the tests by walking round the lounge set out in test layout by the nest of coffee tables, and of course walking backwards when required! Janet did keep an eye out on the route taken – and warn of impending meeting with the family crystal glass! Myself? I never did the pre event learning bit as tests were never laid out exactly as per diagram

and there could be other objects to avoid on the site – like the small shed at the Avon tyre works in Melksham which George Holland managed to demolish in his Cooper S!

I did suggest at the end of my last article that there could be more to come re Brian Coe and AutoSOLOs. Well, there is. Brian went back to France and bought the Audi TTS Roadster that he had eyed up and has now done events in the ACSMC and BTRDA AutoSOLO championships. Brian does admit he has plenty to learn about the way to drive the car – and the way to drive it on AutoSOLOs! The car has an optional traction control start procedure but Brian thinks the extra quick getaway with a punch in the back would propel you past the first cone before you had time to react. After a few more events in 2019 Brian is aiming full a full season in 2020. Could he be the first double champion of Autotests and AutoSOLOs?

Recently there was what I believe to be the very first Autotest/AutoSOLO purely for electric vehicles (EVs). It was part of the Green Dragon EV Rally run by the Low Carbon MC with the Autotest permit issued to Maesteg MC. Although the event could be regarded as the antithesis of BTRDA Council the 21 cars represent a big potential for motorsport entrants. Driving a BMWi3 Mark Sandford became the very first person to take FTD in an EV over the 6 tests at Swansea Airport. It was reported by Ken Davies in the online [retro-speed.co.uk](http://retro-speed.co.uk)



**AutoSOLO and Allrounders Contender**  
**Alan Wakeman** Photo: Peter Cox

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article (from which the above information was taken) that the Tesla was actually the quickest car, but did a wrong test. Now, can the BTRDA Autotest/AutoSOLO committees be a little bit more proactive and start thinking about the kW divisions for EVs, or will it be still on overall length or .....

Reporting on the good news from the last edition I see that the Oxford MC AutoSOLO at Finmere on the 6 October had a full entry list of 60 no less than 5 days after it opened in the middle of August. All it needs now is to get all those 60 registered for the championship!

**Peter Cox**

### **Championship Positions after Round 10** **Caernarfonshire and Anglesey MC**

	<b>Gold Star</b>		
1	Alastair Moffatt	Mini Special 1400	138
2	Malcolm Livingston	Lindsay Special 1600	134
3	Chris Chapman	Striker 1700	126
4	Willie Keaning	Striker 1800	125
5	Paul Fobister	Fobby Special 1600	114
6	Dave Evans	Striker 1600/Blitz Special 2000	107
7	Ian Chapman	Xmoor Riot 1700	106
8	Steve Morten	Striker 1800	105
9	Charlie Lower	Mini 1380	84
10	Warren Gillespie	Nova 1800	80
	<b>Silver Star</b>		
1	Murray Walker	Nova 1600	52
2	Charlie Lower	Mini 1380	50
3	Kelsey Gillespie	Nova 1800	47
4	Stuart Perren	Retrotester 1590	32
5	Mark Thornton	Mini Special 1800	31
	<b>Bronze Star</b>		
1	Charlie Lower	Mini 1380	50
2	Helen Perren	Retrotester 1590	15
3	Bob Milligan	Austin Mini 1275	12
4	Ash Slights	Mini 1400	9
5	Steven Haigh	Westfield 1700	7
	<b>CLASS A</b>		
1	Charlie Lower	Mini 1380	69
2	Dave Fox	Mini 1600	29
3	Dave Mosey	Mini 1430	10
	<b>CLASS B</b>		
1	Warren Gillespie	Nova 1800	60
2	Murray Walker	Nova 1600	54
3	Kelsey Gillespie	Nova 1800	49

	<b>CLASS C</b>		
1	Chris Chapman	Striker 1700	68
2	Willie Keaning	Striker 1800	67
3	Steve Morten	Striker 1800	55
4	Ian Chapman	Xmoor Riot 1700	52
5	Dave Evans	Striker 1600	48
	<b>CLASS D</b>		
1	Alastair Moffatt	Mini Special 1400	68
2	Malcolm Livingston	Lindsay Special 1600	65
3	Paul Fobister	Fobby Special 1600	61
4	Duncan Wild	ABS Freestyle	43
5	Stuart Perren	Retrotester 1590	32
	<b>CLASS E</b>		
1	Bob Milligan	Austin Mini 1275	20
2	Brian Sharpe	Micra 1275	10
3	Richard Yapp	Mazda MX5 1600	10
	<b>CLASS H</b>		
1	Charlie Lower	Mini 1380	70
2	Kelsey Gillespie	Nova 1800	55
	<b>CLASS J</b>		
1	Malcolm Livingston	Lindsay Special 1600	139
2	Paul Fobister	Fobby Special 1600	133
3	Ian Chapman	Xmoor Riot 1700	127
4	Steve Morten	Striker 1800	127
5	Dave Evans	Striker 1600/Blitz Special 2000	127
	<b>CLASS L</b>		
1	Kelsey Gillespie	Nova 1800	57
2	Helen Perren	Retrotester 1590	30

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# Demon Tweeks Direct BTRDA® AutoSOLO Championship

## Going Solo

So, we are now well into the Championship with 15 of the now 23 qualifying events completed. As we anticipated the licencing requirement changes have had a detrimental effect on the Championship in terms of numbers registered, just 22 this year compared with 37 last. Understandably many past competitors have decided to concentrate on their Regional Championship now that they include more events. On the assumption that nothing will change in 2020 we will have to review how, and if, we will carry on next year, but we have a few ideas which may help.



Interestingly a significant change has been that our "northern" Group of events have been quite poorly supported by our competitors, whilst the "south" has stood up quite well. It is too early to predict an overall Champion, but class wise Alan Wakeman and Bob Milligan look to be favourite in Class A; Steve Conner and Philip Turner are neck and neck in B; Eddie Martin is literally in a class of his own in C; Jim Bryant is well ahead in D and Alec Tunbridge in E. As is mentioned elsewhere, an interesting addition to the Championship is Brian Coe, who was the Autotest Silver Star Champion back in 1967! He has lived in France for many years, but has purchased an Audi TT and intends to commute to events. There are still several rounds to go and with the final event counting for double points anything can happen.

## Provisional Scores to 8<sup>th</sup> September 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				3	28	9	9	10	8	7	65	
Robert Milligan		Austin Mini	1275				1	8	10	10	9	9	7	63	
James Hall	Y	MG ZR	1400				2	18					3	25	
Brian Sharpe		Nissan Micra	1275				0	0					1	6	
CLASS B															
Steve Conner		Ford Puma/Peugeot 106	1679				1	10		10	9	10	4	37	
Philip Turner		Ford Puma	1700				1	3	1		6	8	7	36	
Jamie Yapp		Renault Clio 172 Cup	1998				0	0	10		10		3	29	
Richard Yapp		Renault Clio 172 Cup	1998				0	0	5		2		3	9	
Sam Williams		Rover Gti	1800				0	0					1	7	
CLASS C															
Eddie Martin		Mitsubishi Lancer	1998				3	30	9		10		5	49	
CLASS D															
Jim Bryant		Mazda MX5	1840				1	8	9	9	8	9	7	59	
Steve Conner		Mazda MX5 Eunos	1839				2	20	10				4	37	
Mark Bradley	Y	Mazda MX5	1800				1	1					3	14	
Peter Cox		Honda S2000	2000				1	1	1		1		3	3	
Brian Coe		Audi TTS	3200				0	0			1	1	2	2	
Richard Yapp		Mazda MX5 Eunos	1840		9		3	13					1	1	
Neil Jones		Mazda MX5	1840	10	10	10	3	30					0	0	
CLASS E															
Alec Tunbridge		Caterham 7	1588		10		3	30					1	10	
COMBINED															
Steve Conner		Puma/MX5					3	30	10	10	9	10	8	66	
Richard Yapp		Clio/MX5			9		3	13	5		2		4	10	

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# BTRDA® Sporting Trials Championship

## The Cornish Weekend

### **Robin Alexander Sporting Trial, Camel Vale Motor Club, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September, Crackington, Bude, Cornwall**

Roland Uglow won the Robin Alexander Trial despite a couple of small errors during the afternoon. The event, which is held on the north cornwall coast, took place in stunning weather. Twenty four sections offered a huge challenge to the crews with a real mixture of techniques needed. Unusually, Uglow drove aggressively to win by just two points from John Fack, who was debuting a new engine. British championship leader Simon Kingsley was extremely focused and completed the podium after a better afternoon performance. Colin Flashman won the blue independent class in fifth overall despite missing a ten gate in the morning. Andy Wilks and Jerome Fack battled for sixth finishing a point apart. Rookie Darren Underwood finishing a fabulous eighth overall, and top live axle, beating George Watson and Mike Wevill who completed the top ten overall. Alan Baker won the blue live axle class after a disappointing day. Land owner Rex Ward completed in his first sporting trial and won the clubman class with some good climbs and a very creditable score.

1. Roland Uglow, Crossle, 25
2. John Fack, MSR, 27
3. Simon Kingsley, Crossle, 28
4. Richard Sharp, Cartwright, 41
5. Colin Flashman, MSR, 42
6. Andy Wilks, Crossle, 43
7. Jerome Fack, MSR, 44
8. Darren Underwood, Sherpa, 53
9. George Watson, Hamilton, 60
10. Mike Wevill, Crossle, 61



Richard and Joe Sharpe

### **David Ayres Sporting Trial Launceston & North Cornwall MC, Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September, Marshgate, Bude, Cornwall**

Sunday's David Ayres trial was held at it's regular Marshgate Farm site and was won by Richard Sharp by a single point from close friend and fellow Yorkshireman Simon Kingsley despite having to climb his last section which was rapidly deteriorating. Both battled all day and the third hill proved decisive with Sharp climbing a point further up. Kingsley also had a wheel fall off on the final section, this proved not to be costly. Colin Flashman led at lunch having a stunning climb up a hill that defeated all but him on the first round. Later he slipped back to third in the afternoon a point behind Kingsley, although he still maintained his lead in the blue independent class. The previous days winner Roland Uglow would have been challenging the leading trio but for a driveshaft falling out costing him nine points. John Fack carelessly touched an eight post on the last round dropping him back to fifth overall, tied with Uglow. Andy Wilks just beat John Cole who settled for second blue class. Mike Wevill had another good day to complete the top ten overall with Alan Baker was top live axle in eighth ahead of Darren Underwood who won the Rookie class. Rex Ward won the clubman section with some very creditable climbs.

1. Richard Sharp, Cartwright, 14
2. Simon Kingsley, Crossle, 15
3. Colin Flashman, MSR, 16
4. Roland Uglow, Crossle, 24
5. John Fack, MSR, 24
6. Andy Wilks, Crossle, 28
7. John Cole, Crossle, 32
8. Jerome Fack, MSR, 36
9. Alan Baker, Apex, 38
10. Mike Wevill, Crossle, 43

**Photo and report by  
Duncan Stephens**

# BTRDA® Sporting Trials Championship

## Top BTRDA Championship Positions after the David Ayres Trial

Position	Driver	Class	Axle	Total	Best 10	Average	Events	Spring Trial	Robin Jager	Robin Alexander	David Ayres
<b>Independent Red Class</b>											
1	Simon Kingsley	Red	Indi	283	<b>283</b>	28.3	10		29	28	29
2	Richard Sharp	Red	Indi	337	<b>271</b>	27.1	13	d24	30	27	30
3	George Watson	Red	Indi	218	<b>218</b>	24.22	9	29		23	21
<b>Independent Blue Class</b>											
1	John Cole	Blue	Indi	209	<b>209</b>	20.9	10	20		20	24
2	Mike Readings	Blue	Indi	155	<b>155</b>	19.38	8				
3	Colin Flashman	Blue	Indi	115	<b>115</b>	23	5			26	28
<b>Live Red Class</b>											
1	Bob Packham	Red	Live	178	<b>178</b>	29.67	6	30	30		
2	Brian Thornton	Red	Live	112	<b>112</b>	28	4				
3	Mark Howse	Red	Live	86	<b>86</b>	28.67	3				
<b>Live Blue Class</b>											
1	Alan Baker	Blue	Live	340	<b>289</b>	28.9	12	28		29	30
2	Phil Blagden	Blue	Live	147	<b>147</b>	24.5	6	23			
3	Ian Fullwood	Blue	Live	141	<b>141</b>	28.2	5		28		
<b>Rookie Class</b>											
1	Darren Underwood	Rookie	Live	190	<b>178</b>	17.8	11	17		23	19
2	Paul Marsh	Rookie	Live	62	<b>62</b>	15.5	4	18			
3	Keith Parker	Rookie	Live	51	<b>51</b>	10.2	5	9			
<b>All Live Axle Classes</b>											
1	Alan Baker	Blue	Live	340	<b>289</b>	28.9	12	28		29	30
2	Darren Underwood	Rookie	Live	299	<b>274</b>	27.4	11	d25		30	29
3	Bob Packham	Red	Live	178	<b>178</b>	29.67	6	30	30		
<b>All Driver Classes</b>											
1	Simon Kingsley	Red	Indi	283	<b>283</b>	28.3	10		29	28	29
2	Richard Sharp	Red	Indi	330	<b>267</b>	26.7	13	d23	30	27	30
3	Alan Baker	Blue	Live	237	<b>216</b>	21.6	12	20		18	20
4	George Watson	Red	Indi	211	<b>211</b>	23.44	9	29		22	21
5	Roland Uglov	Red	Indi	199	<b>199</b>	28.43	7			30	27
6	Boyd Webster	Red	Indi	192	<b>192</b>	24	8	22	26		
7	Jerome Fack	Red	Indi	183	<b>183</b>	22.88	8	30	22	24	23
8	Stuart Beare	Red	Indi	178	<b>178</b>	22.25	8	15			
9	Darren Underwood	Rookie	Live	190	<b>178</b>	17.8	11	17		23	19
10	Bryan Walker	Red	Indi	174	<b>174</b>	29	6		28		

# BTRDA® Sporting Trials Championship



## Provisional Top Scorers Scores after the David Ayres Trial

All Competitors										
Position	Driver	Class	Axle	Total	Best 9	Average	Events	Robin Jager	Robin Alexander	David Ayres
1	Simon Kingsley	Red	Indi	133	133	13.3	10	14	13	14
2	Richard Sharp	Red	Indi	108	108	10.8	10	15	12	15
3	Roland Uglow	Red	Indi	79	79	13.17	6		15	12
4	Ian Wright	Red	Indi	71	71	14.2	5			
5	Andy Wilks	Blue	Indi	69	69	8.63	8		10	10
6	Boyd Webster	Red	Indi	65	65	9.29	7	11		
7	Bryan Walker	Red	Indi	54	54	13.5	4	13		
8	George Watson	Red	Indi	51	51	7.29	7		7	6
9	John Fack	Red	Indi	49	49	12.25	4		14	11
10	Jerome Fack	Red	Indi	48	48	6.86	7	7	9	8
11	Alan Baker	Blue	Live	43	43	4.78	9		3	5
12	Jeff Armitstead	Blue	Live	41	41	10.25	4	9		
13	Josh Veale	Red	Indi	40	40	10	4	12		
14	Paul Price	Red	Indi	34	34	11.33	3			
15	Julian Fack	Red	Indi	31	31	7.75	4			
16	Stuart Beare	Red	Indi	31	31	7.75	4			
17	Peter Fensom	Red	Indi	27	27	9	3			
18	Colin Flashman	Blue	Indi	26	26	6.5	4		11	13
19	Andrew Woodhead	Red	Indi	25	25	8.33	3	3		
20	Bob Packham	Red	Live	24	24	8	3	10		
All Live Axle Classes										
1	Alan Baker	Blue	Live	118	118	13.11	9		14	15
2	Darren Underwood	Rookie	Live	100	100	12.5	8		15	14
3	Ian Fullwood	Blue	Live	66	66	13.2	5	13		
4	Jeff Armitstead	Blue	Live	59	59	14.75	4	14		
5	Sam Beare	Blue	Live	52	52	13	4			
6	Bob Packham	Red	Live	44	44	14.67	3	15		
7	Mark Howse	Red	Live	41	41	13.67	3			
8	Paul Marsh	Rookie	Live	33	33	11	3			
9	Neil Martin	Blue	Live	30	30	10	3			
10	Phil Blagden	Blue	Live	28	28	9.33	3			



# BTRDA® 2019 Championship Events

September 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](http://www.btrda.com). Events for the Speed Group G will be any NON-BTRDA CHAMPIONSHIP Autocross, Sprint or Hill Climb of National A or National B status. Entrants may choose which of the events to enter and it is unnecessary to advise BTRDA Ltd in advance of the selected events.

*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
Sept	28				Lydden Hill R7		Trackrod Forest Stages	
	29		Whitchurch MC				Incl. MSA English	Charles Pollard Peterborough MC
Oct	5							
	6	Oxford MC (A & B)						John Southern NTPCC
	12							
	13			Grand Final Bromsgrove				
	19				Knockhill Test & Practice Day			Training Day Long Compton
	20				Knockhill R8			Mercian Trial Midland TCC
	27							
Nov	2	Knutsford & DMC (A)						
	3					Awards Evening Hilton Puckrup Hall Hotel		Tulleys Farm Kentish Border
	9							
	10							Roy Fedden Bristol MC
	16							
	17	BTRDA Curborough Sprint Course						Loughborough Loughborough CC



# BTRDA® 2019 Championship Events

September 2019

	AutoSolo	Autotest	Car Trials	Rallycross	Rally – Asphalt	Rally - Forest	Sporting Trials
Nov	23/24						
	30						
Dec	1						Gloster Midland TCC
	7						
						Grizdale MSA	
	14/15					English Only	
	21/22					Reserve Event	
	28/29						
Jan	4/5						
	11						
	12					Awards Evening	
						Drayton Manor Park Hotel	
	18						
	19						
							Gold Star Final & Awards Evening
	25						
	26			Awards Evening			
Feb	2						
AGM & Prize Presentation Luncheon – Drayton Manor Park Hotel							

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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 60<sup>th</sup> and 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations. He was elected Chairman of Council in the Golden Jubilee Year of 1988 and continued in that position until retiring in 2014.

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

**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<sup>®</sup> Champions 2018***

**Allrounders**

**Asphalt Rally Driver**

**Asphalt Rally Co-Driver**

**Autotest**

**Car Trial**

**Forest Rally Driver**

**Forest Rally Co-Driver**

**Rallycross**

**Sporting Trial**

**Jamie Yapp**

**Jason Pritchard**

**Phil Clarke**

**Malcolm Livingston**

**Mark Hoppé**

**Matt Edwards**

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**Roland Uglow**

## ***AutoSolo Championship***

**Neil Jones**



**Graham Price having “Serious Fun”  
Class Winner Wye Valley Car Trial  
Photo: Angela Danby**