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**MSA Asphalt Rally Champions
Jason Tauber Pritchard and Phil Clarke
on the Cheviot Stages**

President's Notes December 2019

I am very honoured to represent Motorsport UK on the FIA Rallies Commission. At our last meeting, Opel gave a presentation about their new Corsa Electric Rally Car. They are hoping to start competing in the German National Rally Championship in late 2020. It is not a simple project. The car is a standard vehicle fitted with all the safety equipment required. The range is 300km in road form and 60km in rally mode. Refuelling will be from a big truck run on LPG, 10 cars at a time, 30 minutes per refuel!

Safety training will be required for competitors, officials, marshals and spectators. Apart from Germany it would appear that not many governing bodies have any rules/regulations for electric vehicles in national rally competitions. I think it is a classic example of technology outstripping the ability to write regulations. I know Motorsport UK is working hard to catch up so that maybe in 2 or 3 years' time we may see an electric rally car on our BTRDA series.

In the last few weeks I have been involved with a couple of our committees in sorting out the sponsors and Championship regulations for 2020. It has been hard work and very time consuming, but I think we are now sorted. It has brought home to me just how much time our volunteer officials spend on organising our Championships. You will see in this edition the details for next year, but may I say a big THANK YOU to all for their efforts. I am very confident that 2020 will be a good year for BTRDA.

The AGM and Awards Luncheon will be held on Sunday 2nd February 2020 at Drayton Manor Park Hotel. The AGM will commence at 11.00 a.m. and the Awards Luncheon at 12.30 p.m. I look to seeing you there.

Finally, all that remains is to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a prosperous and competitive New Year.

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Jason Pritchard wins back-to-back Prot tyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship titles – by the closest of margins

Jason Pritchard secured back-to-back Prot tyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship titles by the smallest of margins, beating arch-rival Damian Cole to the trophy by just one point after a thrilling and hard fought season.

The final round on Otterburn was billed as a winner takes all showdown, a head-to-head bout between reigning champion Pritchard and six time champion Cole to determine which Welsh town the trophy would be heading to – Builth Wells or Abergavenny. But nobody expected a Scotsman to influence the destination of the title, as St Andrews driver Alan Kirkaldy won the Ford Parts Cheviot Stages Rally in his Fiesta R5 – beating the pair of Ford World Rally Cars drivers and creating one of the closest Championship finishes ever.

So close was the title fight heading into the final round that it could easily all be decided on a tiebreak. Cole, who led the series going into the final event, set the fastest time on the Cheviot's opening stage – meaning a tiebreak would go in his favour.

Cole, who had local and 2018 Cheviot Rally winning co-driver Andrew Roughead with him, continued his great start – until he lost second gear in his Get Connected/Energizer-backed Ford Fiesta WRC.

Pritchard had problems of his own, with an intermittent misfire in his North Road Garage

Focus WRC05 making it feel more like a Group N car. Co-driven by Phil Clarke, he pressed on to finish third – but with Cole ahead of him and in a battle for victory, his defence of the Asphalt title was on a knife-edge.

Alan Kirkaldy had taken full advantage of the somewhat wounded prey and was driving brilliantly to lead the Cheviot in his Cairnsmill Caravan Park-backed Ford Fiesta R5. Co-driven by Cameron Fair, he withstood a big push by Cole on the final stage to score a richly deserved event win, leaving Cole in second and Pritchard third.

You'd have thought that by leading the Championship coming into the final round, and finishing the final event ahead of your nearest rival, that that would be enough to give Cole the title. But the scores to drop rule proved otherwise, and whilst victory would have given Cole his seventh Asphalt title, second didn't – and he ultimately lost the Championship by three seconds, which was the gap between first and second places on the Cheviot.

For Pritchard and Clarke, it is their fifth major national rally title in as many years, after winning the British Historic Rally Championship a record-breaking three times in a row (2015, '16 and '17) and the Asphalt Rally Championship twice (2018 and '19).

"It was a hard year," said Jason. "After winning the opening three rounds we were leading in Belgium before we had a problem with the brakes and then family commitments meant that I couldn't go to Ireland. We came back, we had a few problems with the car, but I kept my head thanks to Phil. On the Cheviot the car felt like a Group N car, but we kept plugging away and got there in the end.

"It's a great family team and I have to thank mum and dad for allowing me to drive a car like a Focus WRC – I really can't thank them enough and these two titles are for them. I also have to thank Phil for sitting next to me. There aren't



John Devlin & John McCarthy on the Mewla Rally





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many people I trust to co-drive and I don't want to do a rally if Phil can't sit next to me because I appreciate the huge effort he puts in. Without him I would not have won five national championships in the last five years. And I have to thank the boys who service for us. We are a very small team on a very limited budget, and everyone pulls together and works so hard to make this happen."

"Jason is awesome at making pace notes – we can drive over a new road once on a recce and then the next time it's at full speed on the rally and the notes are absolutely spot on. I take my hat off to him," added Phil. "He's an absolute pleasure to sit next to and co-drive for."

John Stone finished third in the overall drivers' category after a strong season in his ex-Mikko Hirvonen Legend Fires-backed Ford Fiesta WRC. The Blackburn driver scored maximum points on the Carryduff Folklift Down Rally and was always in contention for top honours, even on unfamiliar territory like Epynt. And the 2020 series will start a lot closer to home – on his local event that he sponsors, the Legend Fires North West Stages on 20/21 March.

Kirkaldy finished a fantastic fourth in the overall drivers' standings and won the R5 category, beating Chris Ford and David Hardie to the class title.

Darren Atkinson was the top-placed overall two-wheel drive contender after a truly brilliant season in is Atkinsons Sandblasting/Dennison

Trailers/S&W Fabrication-backed Ford Escort Mk2. The Lancaster driver was fantastic to watch and, together with co-driver Phil Sandham scored some amazing results – like sixth on the Old Forge Garage Mewla Rally, which was his first visit to Epynt since 2014. Atkinson also won the class B13 title, beating tough competition from Ross Brusby, while Mark Jasper, Spencer Chard, James Ford and John MacNiven were tied for third.

Chris Ford finished sixth in the overall drivers' standings in his Century Autosport-tuned Ford Fiesta R5, one place ahead of Rhidian Daniels. Co-driven by Tomos Whittle, the JJ Aggregates-supported Citroën C1 Max driver also claimed the class B10 title, after a great season-long battle with Adrian Drury/Cat Lund in their 'pocket-rocket' Drury Deliveries-backed Peugeot 106 GTi.

Wayne Sisson finished eighth in his immaculate AMS Arnside Motorsport Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 10, one place ahead of John Devlin – who had an outstanding season in his Escort Mk2. Having won the B11 class on the Masterpixel Media Manx National Rally – the first time he had contested the event as a driver – Devlin repeated that victory on his home Down Rally before the Banbridge man won his class again, and finished seven overall, on his first ever visit to Epynt! Devlin beat some extremely strong opposition to win the class B11 title, not least Geoff Glover (who has now contested 105 rounds of the Asphalt Rally Championship in his self-built RWD Astra), Phil Turner (Escort Mk2), Graham Hollis (Escort Mk2), Richard Merriman (Darrian T9) and Paul Doroszczuk – who's challenge for the title was curtailed by engine problems in his normally-aspirated Cosworth-powered Escort Mk2.

Mike Pugsley completed the top 10 in the overall drivers' standings. Co-driven by Marc Clatworthy, the Welshman also won the class B12 title for a second year in a row, after another fantastic season in his Escort Mk1 RS2000. Despite the car being originally built in 1974, it



**Alan Kirkaldy and Cameron Fair R5 Champions
and winner of the Cheviot Rally**





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hasn't failed to finish an event for over three years.

William Mains and his co-driver Claire Williams dominated the 1400cc category in their Ray Thomas & Sons/WCS Environmental-backed Vauxhall Nova. The phrase 'giant-killing' is often used, but as an example of their exceptional speed and commitment they finished 21st overall on the opening Tour of Epynt round, coming home just nine seconds behind a Subaru Impreza WRC and winning their class by seven and a half minutes!

Ashley Trimble navigated for Graham Hollis, John Devlin and Adrian Spencer to win the class

B11 co-drivers' title, while Ian Taylor teamed up with Oli Hopkins to clinch the B14 co-drivers' title.

All rounds of the 2019 Protyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship were broadcast live by the Special Stage team. Together with the audience figures obtained in 2018, the Championship has been watched by over a million people in two years – and the live web-streaming service will continue to play a significant role in the promotion of the series in 2020.

Paul Evans

Championship Positions Following the Final Round

Drivers			Co-Drivers		
1 st	Jason Pritchard	145pts*		Phil Clarke	145pts*
2 nd	Damian Cole	144pts*		Cameron Fair	139pts
3 rd	John Stone	136pts*		Phil Sandham	135pts
4 th	Alan Kirkaldy	136pts*		Ashley Trimble	125pts*
5 th	Darren Atkinson	121pts		Tomos Whittle	117pts
6 th	Chris Ford	105pts*		Neil Colman	116pts*
7 th	Rhidian Daniels	102pts*		Jack Morton	115pts*
8 th	Wayne Sisson	95pts		Marc Clatworthy	105pts*
9 th	John Devlin	91pts		Keith Barker	99pts*
10 th	Mike Pugsley	83pts		Claire Williams	79pts*

Class Champions

Class	Driver	Co-driver
B10	Rhidian Daniels	Tomos Whittle
B11	John Devlin	Ashley Trimble
B12	Mike Pugsley	Marc Clatworthy
B13	Darren Atkinson	Phil Sandham
B14	Wayne Sisson	Ian Taylor
B15	Jason Pritchard	Phil Clarke
R5	Alan Kirkaldy	Cameron Fair
1400	William Mains	Claire Williams

Other Awards

Tony Davies Memorial Award

Geoff Glover

Nicky Grist Motorsports Award

William Mains and Claire Williams

Fairfield Motorsport Award

Adrian Drury and Cat Lund



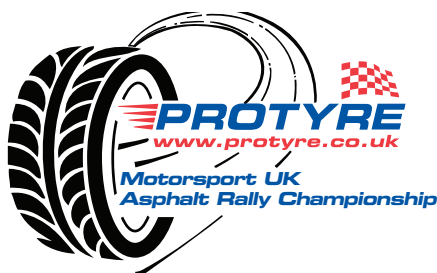


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From The Hot Seat

Well that's another year over and a new Gold Star Champion (Alastair Moffatt) installed after a thrilling year-long battle which saw the 2018 incumbent (Malcolm Livingston) having to be content with the runners up spot. Alastair took his seventh FTD at the Hartlepool event giving him a maximum score for the year, which meant that he didn't have to contest the last round run by Whitchurch Motor Club at Demon Tweeks, but that didn't stop him for arriving in time for tea and cakes at the awards presentation. Malcolm had to be content with one FTD and six seconds, whilst the other FTDs went to Chris Chapman,

Willie Keaning, Dave Evans and Dave Mosey who made a welcome return at the last event after illness during the year. It was good to see that, despite generally low entry levels, 35 of our 40 registered competitor scored Gold Star points this year.

Murray Walker in his Nova was the worthy winner of the Silver Star Championship, although he was chased hard throughout the year by Charlie Lower (Mini), Kelsey Gillespie (Nova) and Mark Thornton, who came to terms with his newly acquired Irish Nova engined Mini Special towards the end of the season and will

be challenging for Gold Star next year. Charlie had to be content with the Bronze Star this year, having proved to be one the most improved drivers in his first year of Championship Autotesting and the Class win, with the other car Classes going to Murray Walker, Chris Chapman, Alastair Moffatt and Bob Milligan. Charlie also takes the Darbyshire Trophy (best under 25), Malcolm Livingston the John Larkin Jubilee Trophy (best over 55 – unsurprisingly the biggest championship class!) and Kelsey Gillespie the Ladies Trophy. All these awards will be presented at the Luncheon on the 2nd February next year.

What for 2020? Well the Committee has decided that "if it ain't broke, don't fix it", but they intend to thoroughly review the rules during the year with an eye to possible changes for the 2021 season to encourage more competitors. The



Top: Gold Star Champion Alastair Moffatt
Bottom: Silver Star Champion Murray Walker
Taken at Coventry Motorfest

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only other change being that, unfortunately, despite having been awarded the Flather Shield for running the Best Event of 2019, the Whitchurch Motor Club has decided that they will not be running an event next year due to a lack of support within the Club, so the Committee has decided to take up the slot in the calendar and run the final Championship round itself at Demon Tweeks – no pressure then!

One area of discussion that has arisen since our meeting in October is the announcements by MSUK of the changes to License and Permit requirements. These changes MAY effect how we structure our Championship next year, so please pay attention to any forthcoming publications from us and, with any luck, by the time you read this all will have been sorted. The first round of the 2020 Championship is

scheduled for the 8th March at Curborough, so please don't wait until the 1st to start preparing the car for the season - no excuses, you have been warned.

Steve Layton



**Bronze Star Champion Charlie Lower
at the very wet final round at Demon Tweeks
Photo: Peter Cox**

From the Pits

It's always good to start an article with congratulations and those for Alastair Moffatt in 2019 are well deserved. Alastair achieved Gold Star number 7 by winning the Flather Star Autotest championship with a round to spare. That Gold Star puts him just 2 behind the Autotest champion of all time, David Haigh and with several potential years of autotesting ahead of him I can see that record going. Alastair and I often discuss numbers so here are few which could be interpreted in many ways. The 7 silver spoons (for best BTRDA at a championship round) this year brings Alastair's total to 67 and his points from the number of qualifying events over the years (NOT the total scored) now adds up to 2,018. David Haigh has a total of 80 spoons with a total points score of 1,546. From these numbers you can get a ratio of points/spoon which makes David's number as 19.3 whilst Alastair's score is much higher at

30.1. Now you say, there is something wrong here because you get 20 points for FTD so David's points score should be at least 1,600. Not quite, as spoons can be won on all rounds whilst the maximum qualification for points is set for each year (ranging from 7 from 12 in 2019 to 8 from 16 in 1986) and the points scored from the other rounds are not recorded in the record books. So, after all that, who is the best driver, Alastair or David? I think I'll retreat to the bar and wait for the first one to buy me a pint!

As the advert usually says, there are other Stars available! Not to be so downgraded is the Silver Star for the autotest championship where those who have ever won the Gold Star or finished in the top 10 of the Gold Star in the previous 5 years are not eligible. It is meant to encourage the class contenders to have a go and this year it has truly done so. Murray Walker in his 1.6 Nova had a whole load of competition in Class

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B but managed to score more points than the runner up, Charlie Lower who had some problems with a shortage of cars in Class A at some events which reduced his Silver Star points. Charlie was in his very first year of top class autotesting and his growth in skill in his mini was notable. Charlie is rewarded with the Bronze Star and Ian Mantle Trophy for novice drivers to go with his top 3 placing at the Caernarvonshire and Anglesey event. Oh, he also has the Andrew Larkin Memorial Trophy for Class A and the Darbyshire Trophy for the best under 25 driver to collect at the awards luncheon on the 2nd February at Drayton Manor. And we won't mention his activities in the Paul Swift stunt team! Quite a year for Charlie, I wonder what 2020 will bring? The full list of class winners will be the topic of the next From the Pits so don't despair if your name hasn't been mentioned so far.

I finished up my last article with a question re electric cars and their equivalent cc. Well, it was almost needed on a recent AutoSOLO event where I was the C of C. The entry list of cars for Class A showed:

Jaguar	XJS	5300
VW	Polo	1200
Jaguar	XJS	5300
Tesla	Three	⚡

Now how did I equate a Tesla Three with a 1200cc Polo and a 5.3 litre Jag XJS? I didn't need to! My classes were based solely on the experience of the driver and the 4 of them were on their very first AutoSOLO! I'm not sure if all events in the future will be able to get around the scenario so easily.



Going in the opposite direction timewise I was at the above event when an old friend in the Harrow Car Club said "Did I want this old Triple C magazine" (Cars and Cars Conversions for the younger readers!)? It was the March 1969 edition and there was an article on Driving Tests written by Brian Coe. The article itself had a picture of me in it with the caption "Peter Cox (Anglia) trying reverse flicks before waiting to read Brian Coe's article!". Well, that was 50 years ago and sad to say I did go on to turn that Anglia onto its side at two other events. Mind you, it was only onto door handles, I never managed a full roll! Brian did manage to include a picture of himself driving the very same standard Cooper S that he won the first RAC Autotest trophy with. Two things stand out here, standard car and Autotest. In those days it was very much a case of driving to the event, changing wheels and off you went. Are things better now with ultra lightweight specials all brought on trailers? Sometimes I think not and I'm happy that the spirit of the late 60's and early 70's is akin to that for AutoSOLOs these days. The other thing is – when did the name Driving Tests change to Autotests? After all it was only 9 months later that Brian received the trophy at Pall Mall with the title of "RAC British Autotest Championship" on it. Are there any older members out there who can give the date, and reason, for the change of the sport from Driving Tests to Autotests?

I started off with congratulating a champion and at the very last weekend before press date there is just time to give a really big hand to Neil Jones in his MX5 who has just retained the BTRDA AutoSOLO championship title after winning the event run by the BTRDA at Curborough. There was a 3 way challenge between Neil, Steve Conner in a MX5 and Eddy Martin in a Lancer EVO. Eddy won his class but so did Neil which gave Neil the title by just 1 point from Eddy. More in the next edition!

Peter Cox

How not to do a reverse flick!
Peter Cox in his very early days in the
1960's

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Championship Positions after the final round

Gold Star				
1	Alastair Moffatt	Mini Special 1400	140	Flather Star Autotest Trophy, and a BTRDA Gold Star.
2	Malcolm Livingston	Lindsay Special 1600	134	Frank Livingston Memorial Trophy
3	Chris Chapman	Striker 1700	128	
4	Willie Keaning	Striker 1800	125	
5	Paul Fobister	Fobby Special 1600	114	
6	Dave Evans	Striker 1600/Blitz Special 2000	110	
7	Steve Morten	Striker 1800	109	
8	Ian Chapman	Xmoor Riot 1700	106	
9	Charlie Lower	Mini 1380	88	
10	Dave Mosey	Mini Special 1430/Mini Saloon 1430	81	
Silver Star				
1	Murray Walker	Nova 1600	62	A.C. Westwood Trophy, and a BTRDA Silver Star.
2	Charlie Lower	Mini 1380	55	Castrol Trophy
3	Kelsey Gillespie	Nova 1800	47	
4	Mark Thornton	Mini Special 1800	47	
5	Toby Cook	Micra 1275	44	
Bronze Star				
1	Charlie Lower	Mini 1380	55	Ian Mantle Trophy
2	Helen Perren	Retrotester 1590	15	
3	Bob Milligan	Austin Mini 1275	12	
4	Ash Sights	Mini 1400	9	
5	Steven Haigh	Westfield 1700	7	

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Championship Positions after the final round - Continued

CLASS A				
1	Charlie Lower	Mini 1380	69	Andrew Larkin Memorial Trophy.
2	Dave Fox	Mini 1600	29	
3	Dave Mosey	Mini 1430	29	
4	Paul Swift	Mini 1400	10	
5	Ash Sights	Mini 1400	9	
CLASS B				
1	Murray Walker	Nova 1600	64	Motorsport Trophy
2	Warren Gillespie	Nova 1800	60	2nd Class award
3	Kelsey Gillespie	Nova 1800	49	
4	Toby Cook	Micra 1275	48	
5	John Moffatt	Nova 1600	20	
CLASS C				
1	Chris Chapman	Striker 1700	70	Richard Squire Trophy
2	Willie Keaning	Striker 1800	68	Trevor J Smith Trophy
3	Steve Morten	Striker 1800	58	3rd Class award
4	Ian Chapman	Xmoor Riot 1700	53	
5	Dave Evans	Striker 1600	48	
CLASS D				
1	Alastair Moffatt	Mini Special 1400	70	Rifleman Trophy
2	Malcolm Livingston	Lindsay Special 1600	66	Best FERWD
3	Paul Fobister	Fobby Special 1600	61	3rd Class award
4	Duncan Wild	ABS Freestyle	49	
5	Mark Thornton	Mini Special 1800	47	
CLASS E				
1	Bob Milligan	Austin Mini 1275	20	
2	Brian Sharpe	Micra 1275	10	
CLASS H				
1	Charlie Lower	Mini 1380	70	Darbyshire Trophy
2	Kelsey Gillespie	Nova 1800	55	
CLASS J				
1	Malcolm Livingston	Lindsay Special 1600	140	John Larkin Jubilee Trophy
2	Paul Fobister	Fobby Special 1600	133	2nd Class award
3	Steve Morten	Striker 1800	129	3rd Class award
4	Dave Evans	Striker 1600/Blitz Special 2000	129	
5	Ian Chapman	Xmoor Riot 1700	127	
6	Duncan Wild	ABS Freestyle 1380	105	Over 65 award
CLASS L				
1	Kelsey Gillespie	Nova 1800	57	Ladies Autotest Trophy
2	Helen Perren	Retrotester 1590	30	

Best Event

1	Whitchurch Motor Club	at Demon Tweeks, Wrexham	Denis Flather Shield
2	Caernarvonshire and Anglesey	at Ty Croes, Anglesey	
3	Knutsford and District MC	at Demon Tweeks, Wrexham	

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Going Solo

So, the Championship year finally drew to a close at a dank and cold Curborough sprint course, where a mixed of talented drivers competed 14 tests with the best 10 to count. As well as twelve Championship contenders (four of whom were doing their first event of the season!) the event attracted a gaggle of Allrounders and Club competitors out for a good day's sport. After a very close fought three rounds FTD went to the 2018 BTRDA Autotest Champion Malcolm Livingston in his immaculately restored Lotus 7, closely followed by 2018 BTRDA AutoSOLO Champion Neil Jones in a different MX5 to his usual mount due to a misfire developing on the previous day. Alec Tunbridge (2016 AutoSOLO Champion) in his Caterham 7 and Eddie Martin in his Lancer EVO, who initially appeared to benefit from four-wheel drive in the greasy conditions but lost out as it became wetter.

The resulting Class win sealed Neil's retention of the Championship for 2019 and Class D, whilst Robert Milligan in his Mini managed to pip Micra driving Alan Wakeman to Class B by also winning his Class on the day. Eddie Martin wins Class C and, although having little competition during the year, deservedly so as he was only 1 point short of matching Neil's maximum score at the end of the year, whilst second in Class D goes to Steve Conner in his MX5. All the Championship Awards will be presented at the Annual BTRDA Awards Luncheon on the 2nd February at Drayton Manor Hotel, application form for which is inside this News.

What for 2020? The number of registered contenders this year has been disappointing compared with last (22 from 37) mainly due to the permit changes introduced at the start of the year which gave Regional Championship contenders access to more events, which ironically may turn out to be a blessing considering the 2020 permit and License changes. Therefore, we are looking to do a further revamp on the Championship rules with the Overall Championship being linked to overall performance on the day, rather than Class. We also intend to reduce the number of qualifying

events, whilst still having an equal North/Midlands/South split to reduce travel distances. As I write the rules are still under development but, by the time you read this, will be available on the BTRDA Website .



Class Winners
Eddie Martin (top) and
Phil Turner (Bottom)
Photo: Stuart Perren



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Provisional Scores following the Grand Final 2019

		Group A		Group B		Best 7 Gp A or Gp B	O/A	Award
		no. events	Best 7 Scores	no. events	Best 7 Scores			
CLASS A								
Robert Milligan	Austin Mini 1275	3	38	9	78	78	3	Class
Alan Wakeman	Nissan Micra 1300	6	64	10	75	75	5	
James Hall ^U	MG ZR 1400	2	18	3	25	25	11	
Jamie Yapp	Vauxhall Nova SR 1297	1	10	0	0	10	-	
Brian Sharpe	Nissan Micra 1275	0	0	1	6	6	18	
CLASS B								
Philip Turner	Ford Puma 1700	4	28	10	54	54	7	Class
Steve Conner	Ford Puma/Peugeot 106 1679	1	10	4	37	37	-	
Jamie Yapp	Renault Clio 172 Cup 1998	1	10	3	29	29	-	
Richard Yapp	Renault Clio 172 Cup 1998	3	20	4	14	20	-	
Chris Atkinson	Renault Clio 1998	1	14	1	14	14	12	
Sam Williams	Rover Gti 1800	0	0	1	7	7	17	
Charles Atkinson	Renault Clio 1998	1	4	1	4	4	19	
CLASS C								
Eddie Martin	Mitsubishi Lancer 1998	6	70	7	79	79	2	Class
CLASS D								
Neil Jones	Mazda MX5 1840	8	80	2	29	80	1	Overall, Class
Steve Conner	Mazda MX5 Eunos 1839	5	57	7	74	74	-	
Jim Bryant	Mazda MX5 1840	3	30	8	69	69	6	2nd Class
Mike Sones	Mazda MX5 1840	1	14	1	14	14	13	
Mark Bradley ^U	Mazda MX5 1800	1	1	3	14	14	15	
Brian Coe	Audi TTS 3200	1	7	4	13	13	16	
Richard Yapp	Mazda MX5 Eunos 1840	3	13	1	1	13	-	
Peter Cox	Honda S2000 2000	2	2	4	4	4	20	
CLASS E								
Alec Tunbridge	Caterham 7 1588	4	48	2	28	48	8	
Martin MacKenzie	Westfield SE 1600	1	14	1	14	14	14	
COMBINED								
Steve Conner	Puma/MX5	5	57	11	77	77	4	
Richard Yapp	Clio/MX5	6	33	5	15	33	9	
Jamie Yapp	Clio/Vauxhall Nova SR	2	20	3	29	29	10	



**2019 AutoSOLO Champion
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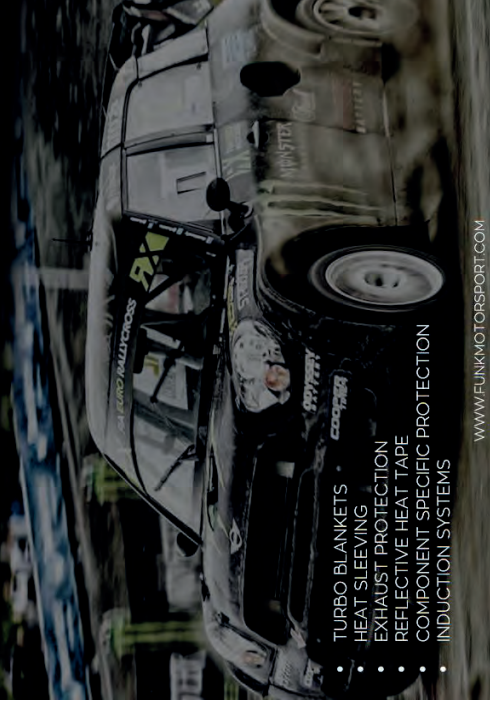
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BTRDA Rallycross – A look ahead to 2020

The BTRDA Clubman's Rallycross Championship has had a strong year in 2019, with a record number of entrants at events, particularly at Lydden Hill in September and the reintroduction to the calendar of an old favourite in Knockhill Racing Circuit where our final round was held just a few weeks ago.

Eligibility testing was completed at all 8 rounds, with cars from each category being randomly selected and reviewed. An example of work completed includes checks for Wheel Spacers, weighing and differential checks in the applicable classes. Changes to cars were consequently made, and action taken by organisers where necessary. No engine sealings have taken place this year.

As we look forward to 2020, we are pleased to announce that we now have a representative, Jordine Crooks, on the Motorsport UK Autocross and Rallycross Sub-committee and look forward to working closely with the organisers to develop the sport further.

Our calendar is improved even further from last year, with two visits each planned to Blyton, Lydden and Pembrey before our final round at Knockhill extending the Championship to 9 rounds with 2 dropped scores, with the exception of Clubman 4X4 who will contest a 5 round Championship utilising the Pembrey and Knockhill events.

Drivers should be aware of the changes to the Motorsport UK licensing system. The minimum Rallycross License is now an Interclub License. More information can be found on the Motorsport UK website.

Proposed regulation changes (these are provisional changes and are not confirmed until agreed by Motorsport UK) include;

- Reduction in Production 4X4 minimum weight to 1250kg.
- Increase in Production Renault Clio 182 to 940kg.
- Seat Belts must comply with Motorsport UK Yearbook regulation K.2.1.3
- A potential controlled tyre in Junior, Production and Production 4X4.
- An amendment to the email for John Rook, Championship Manager; btrdarallycross@gmail.com
- Wheel Spacers will remain prohibited in Production 4X4.

The SuperModified class trophies have been renamed to reflect the Betteridge RX Team who donated them many years ago.

Any further changes will be announced in due course, following the final Committee meeting of 2019 and once confirmed by Motorsport UK.

If you have any questions please contact Jordine Crooks on jordinelouise548@yahoo.co.uk or 07917 286830.

Jordine Crooks

The graphic is a vertical calendar for the 2020 BTRDA Rallycross season. At the top, it says '2020 RALLYCROSS' in large white letters on a black background, with the BTRDA logo to the right. Below this, the rounds are listed in horizontal bars of different colors, with dates in circles on the sides. Round 1 is Blyton Park on 29 March. Rounds 2 & 3 are Pembrey Circuit on 25 & 26 April. Round 4 is Lydden Hill on 30 & 31 May. Round 5 is Blyton Park on 28 June. Rounds 6 & 7 are Pembrey Circuit on 8 & 9 August. Round 8 is Lydden Hill on 12 September. Round 9 is Knockhill Circuit on 18 October. At the bottom, it states 'DATES REMAIN PROVISIONAL PENDING MOTORSPORT UK APPROVAL TEST DAY - 23/02/2020, BLYTON PARK'.

Round	Location	Date
ROUND 1	BLYTON PARK	29 March
ROUNDS 2&3	PEMBREY CIRCUIT	25&26 April
ROUND 4	LYDDEN HILL	30&31 May
ROUND 5	BLYTON PARK	28 June
ROUNDS 6&7	PEMBREY CIRCUIT	8&9 Aug
ROUND 8	LYDDEN HILL	12 Sept
ROUND 9	KNOCKHILL CIRCUIT	18 Oct

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Round 7 Lydden

The penultimate round of the 2019 BTRDA Clubmans Rallycross Championship was blessed with fine weather at Lydden Hill on Saturday 28th September despite heavy rain sweeping the rest of the UK, and a cracking entry of over 80 cars assembled including several visitors from Ireland and continental Europe for a magnificent event.

The Flitspeed Production 4x4 Category had its best entry of the season with six cars although Nick Potter's Subaru failed in practice, while championship sponsor Dominic Flitney was plagued by problems all day and did not make it out for the A Final. Championship leader James Phillips won two heats but was excluded for a double jump start in the other, allowing 2017 champion Paul Davis to claim the victory. Davis suffered engine issues for the rest of the day however and would line up at the back of the grid for the A Final. He took his joker lap at

the first time of asking and this proved a blessing in disguise, as the other three cars tangled into Chesson's for the first time leaving Chris Baker against the banking. Phillips recovered to lead local hero Darren Clark in the Nissan Pulsar all the way for his sixth A Final victory of the season and ensure himself of the title, Baker recovering to take third.

There was disaster for Davy Crockett in heat one of the **Steve Gaunt Trailers Pre-'95 Classic Category**, as he rolled his lovely Chevette HSR exiting the chicane and was out for the day. Michael Grant's Fiesta and Vince Bristow's BMW shared the victories two to one as points leader Marc Jones's MR2 seemed to struggle on the loose sections of the circuit and would start the A Final only fourth. Ian Biagi's Mini survived a heat three collision with Steve Pascoe's Sierra Cosworth to lead the B Final home ahead of David Martin in the Peugeot 205

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with John Cross's stunning Stratos replica eliminated. Jones set a much better pace in the Toyota come A Final time but he could not match Grant who built enough of a lead to safely take his joker lap on the final tour and score his first A Final win of the season. David Ewin ran strongly in second early on but sadly gearbox trouble slowed the Fiesta Evo in the closing stages and he had to settle for fifth behind Jones, Bristow and visitor Stan Bovill's Escort.

The opening heat of the **Questmead Ltd/710 Oils Junior Category** saw a rare retirement for defending overall champion Luke Constantine as electrical gremlins struck his Suzuki allowing Ben Sayer to take the win. Constantine bounced back to win heat two but had to settle for third behind Sayer and the impressive Charlie Titcombe in the third heat. The A Final was certainly close between the favourites but with a lap to go Sayer clipped a backmarker along Canterbury Straight and the delay was enough to let Constantine continue his run of A Final wins and stay in pole position for another overall title, Sayer having to be content with third behind Titcombe who took a personal best second place, while others to shine included Alfie Porter in an excellent fourth and a good debut for Reece Probin-Maguire.

The Funk Motorsport Production Category had an excellent entry of 25 cars, points leader

Dale Ford eager to make up for engine troubles in the previous round at Pembrey and his attacking style saw him take heats one and two with Joe Meskauskas and welcome returnee John Lyne his main pursuers. Lyne took the win in heat three with newcomer Rory Denning second, while Thomas Edmunds took the C Final in his MG ZR and Bradley Sampson's 206 the B Final. The A Final was a close-run affair with the Saxos of Ford and Lyne battling it out and Denning giving chase, but Ford got his overall title challenge back on track as he beat Lyne home by less than half a second. Denning took an excellent third ahead of Meskauskas while John Rook crowned a brilliant week in which he celebrated both his birthday and the safe arrival of daughter Sienna by scoring a career-best fifth place!

Patrick Ryan was fastest overall in practice but would face stiff competition in the **AS Performance Super Modified Category** from a huge and very cosmopolitan entry, with the UK, Ireland, Poland, the Netherlands, Belgium and Norway all represented! Ryan topped heats one and two in his flying Nova while one favourite met his demise in heat two as Fred Ling's Fiesta broke down and he was out for the day. Guy Corner had his new Lotus Exige well wound up and beat Ryan to the victory in heat three to take second in the qualifying results, Darren Scott's

rapid C2 third and the amazing Volvo 242 of Norwegian visitor Kenneth Kristiansen fourth after some spectacular sideways driving.

There was heartbreak for Michelle Swallow in the C Final as she was half a lap from her maiden victory in the Porsche Boxster but got sideways into Devil's Elbow for the last time and was walloped by Dutchman Maikel Alewijnse who went on to take the win in his classic E30 BMW. Belgian visitor Raf Verheyen led



2019 Rallycross Champion Luke Constantine followed by the Junior Rallycross Champion Ben Sayer at Lydden
Photo: Trevor Coulson



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all the way in the B Final in his rapid BMW 1 Series to take the win ahead of Todd Crooks, whose Lydden jinx had struck again with a tyre coming off the rim in heat one and a driveshaft failure in heat two. The A Final saw Mike Dresser off into the tyres at the start as fellow Lotus pilot Corner was off like a rocket and built up enough of a lead to take his joker lap on the final lap and still emerge ahead of Ryan for the first win for his new Exige. Kristiansen's ever-sideways Volvo won many admirers as he flew to third place ahead of Scott's Citroen and title contender Alan Crockett's Corsa, while Crooks was stuck in traffic behind Belgian visitor Ludo Hermans' Escort and wound up eighth.

Special mention must also go to Leigh-Anne Sedgwick, who brought along three cars (two in different Super Modified classes and one in Production) and despite problems with all three salvaged a place in the Super Modified B Final.

The Lydden event was a wonderful and hugely successful day with everyone going home happy – many thanks to all the drivers, support crews and officials for making it a very special day of Rallycross. In terms of the overall points chart it looks like being a fight for the championship at the last round between title holder Luke Constantine and Dale Ford, but Marc Jones and Patrick Ryan are not far behind and could spring a surprise if results go their way.

There is just one round to go in 2019 as the Championship heads north of the border to Knockhill for the first time in several seasons. This will be the first time many drivers will have raced at the venue, and only those who enter and start the meeting can count it as a dropped score, so it's certainly not over yet in this year's championship!

Dave Goddard

Knockhill – 20th October 2019

The final round of the BTRDA Clubman's Rallycross Championship saw the return of the sport to Knockhill Racing Circuit in Scotland. The titles across all classes were still to be decided, with 4 drivers having the potential to take the honours in the Overall Championship. A strong entry of 54 cars were to start, but as only 6 drivers had competed here before, it was set to be a difficult yet entertaining day for many as they tackled the long and twisting loose, and climbed the gears as they raced down the longest straight in UK Rallycross.

The battle had mostly been fought this year between 2018 Champion and current leader Luke Constantine and Production driver Dale



Many congratulations to Championship Manager John Rook and partner Izabela on the birth of their second daughter in September, yet another future contender for the Lady of Rallycross Award

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Ford, who had been leading the Championship up to the Pembrey event in August. Meanwhile Classic driver Marc Jones and Supermodified leader Pat Ryan had an outside chance.

In the **Questmead/710 Oils Junior Rallycross Category**, it was Luke Constantine who would start the final on pole after a strong day with two 1st place finishes in the qualifying heats. A rare mistake from Constantine on the first corner however would see him cross the finish line in 4th for the first time in the two years since he made his debut, leaving his hopes of taking a second Championship title pinned on the performance of Ford in the Production A Final. It was Abbie McGuinness who led the race in her Volkswagen Lupo to the last lap, when a small mistake cost her the race win as Ben Sayer went by in his Suzuki Swift. It would be Bens best result of 2019 and the one which secured him the Junior Rallycross Title.

Heading into the **Funk Motorsport Production Category**, Ford knew that if he finished second or better he would take the Championship title from Constantine, however disaster struck at the start of the race as his throttle cable snapped, putting him out of the race and out of contention for the Overall honours. Luke watched on in anticipation as he saw the finals unfold, unsure of whether he had done enough to take the title from the outside contenders, and it was not until the awards presentation that he came to realise that he had won the overall honours again.

All was not lost for Ford, however, as he had already secured enough points to take the **Funk Motorsport Production Rallycross Title**. As the race continued without him, it was Lithuanian driver Joe Meskauskas who led from lights to flag, having performed strongly all day to qualify on pole. A staggering 6 seconds behind Meskauskas, former Touring Car driver Harry Vaulkhard crossed the line in 2nd, with Graham Aspinall following closely behind in his Renault Clio. 2 litre Championship, Sue Lane crossed the line in 5th behind 8 valve driver Jonny Crisp in his Ford KA.

Outsider Marc Jones in the **Steve Gaunt Trailers Category** had a successful day, claiming victory in the final ahead of David Ewin in his RWD Ford Fiesta and local driver Dave Black in his Vauxhall Astra. Despite being unable to catch Constantine for overall honours, Jones wrapped up 2019 as Champion of the Classic Category, whilst Ewin and Dave Martin each took class honours.

Championship honours were still to be decided in the **AS Performance Supermodified Category** as Todd Crooks in his BMW Mini started the event 5 points behind Leigh-Anne Sedgwick in her Mini. Crooks drove strongly in his qualifying heats but was unable to get a good start in the Final. Guy Corner in his Lotus started well but was soon hunted down by Patrick Ryan in his Vauxhall Nova who went on to claim Category honours. Crooks finished behind him, with Sedgwick hot on his tail giving

her the points she needed to claim class victory. Michelle Swallow in the Porsche Boxster came in 4th ahead of Corner and Sam Bovill.

A good day was had by all, and as the sun set on the circuit, Championship Titles were announced;

Overall Champion – Luke Constantine
Supermodified Champion – Patrick Ryan
Production Champion – Dale Ford
Classic Champion – Marc Jones



2019 Classic Category Champion Marc Jones at Knockhill
Photo: Trevor Coulson



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Junior Champion – Ben Sayer
Clubman 4X4 Champion – Simon Horton
Production 4X4 Champion – James Phillips


Well done to all! We look forward to seeing you all at Drayton Manor Hotel on Saturday 25th

January 2020 for our Awards Evening and Disco. Tickets will be available in due course from btrda.com and more information will be released shortly.

Jordine Crooks Championship Co-ordinator

Results after Round 8 – final dropped score results

BTRDA Championship Overall		
1 st	Luke Constantine	273
2 nd	Marc Jones	269
3 rd	Pat Ryan	267
4 th	Dale Ford	262
5 th	Ben Sayer	252



BTRDA Supermodified Category



BTRDA Production Category

AS PERFORMANCE Overall SuperMod		
1 st	Pat Ryan	267
2 nd	Alan Crockett	251
3 rd	Todd Crooks	246
4 th	Leigh-Anne Sedgwick	216

FUNK MOTORSPORT Overall Production		
1 st	Dale Ford	262
2 nd	Joe Meskauskas	224
3 rd	Sue Lane	201
4 th	Nathan Jones	199

SuperModified up to 1600cc		
1 st	Todd Crooks	66

Production 1600 8V Class		
1 st	Jonny Chrisp	165
2 nd	Tony Chrisp	150

1601 to 2100cc SuperModified Class		
1 st	Pat Ryan	253
2 nd	Alan Crockett	244
3 rd	Leonardo Lyon	142
4 th	Fred Ling	139

Production 1600 16V Class		
1 st	Dale Ford	273
2 nd	Joe Meskauskas	250
3 rd	Lee Keeler	225
4 th	Ryan Randall	217
5 th	Dale Riches	216

Over 2101cc SuperModified Class		
1 st	Leigh-Anne Sedgwick	236
2 nd	Todd Crooks	234
3 rd	Michelle Swallow	214
4 th	Alan Tapscott	179

Production 1601 to 2000 Class		
1 st	Sue Lane	245
2 nd	Nathan Jones	220
3 rd	Bradley Sampson	205
4 th	Dom Booth	190
5 th	Peter Hamlett	189

SuperModified BMW Mini Class		
1 st	Leigh-Anne Sedgwick	99
2 nd	Krzysztof Kozon	30



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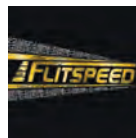


Classic Category

Overall Classic Category		
1 st	Marc Jones	269
2 nd	Dave Martin	239
3 rd	Dave Ewin	231
4 th	Vince Bristow	223

Classic SuperModified Class		
1 st	Marc Jones	232
2 nd	Dave Ewin	210
3 rd	Mike Grant	184

Classic Modified Class		
1 st	Dave Martin	226
2 nd	Vince Bristow	200
3 rd	Harry Vaulkhard	88
4 th	Stanley Bovill	37



Production 4 x 4 Category

FLITSPEED Production 4x4 Cat.		
1 st	James Phillips	205
2 nd	Chris Rasher-Baker	153
3 rd	Paul Davis	100



Clubman 4 x 4 Category

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1 st	Simon Horton	66

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Junior Rallycross Category

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



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Clubman's 4X4 Category
Champion: Simon Horton –
The Motospeed Trophy

Production 4X4 Category
Champion: James Phillips –
The Bill Skermer Trophy
2nd: Chris Rasher-Baker – an award
3rd: Paul Davis – an award

SuperModified Overall Category Champion: Pat Ryan – The Betteridge Trophy

SuperModified up to 1600cc class
1st: Todd Crooks

SuperModified 1601-2000cc class
1st: Alan Crockett – **The Fuchs Titan Trophy**
2nd: Leonardo Lyon – an award
3rd: Fred Ling – an award

SuperModified over 2000cc class
1st: Leigh-Anne Sedgwick – **The Titan Race Trophy**

2nd: Todd Crooks – an award
3rd: Michelle Swallow – an award

SuperModified BMW Mini class
1st: Leigh-Anne Sedgwick –
The BTRDA Chairman's Trophy

Classic Overall Category Champion: Marc Jones – The Jehu Trophy

Classic SuperModified Class
1st: David Ewin – **The SGT Trophy**
2nd: Mike Grant – an award
3rd: David Crockett – an award

Classic Modified Class
1st: Dave Martin – **The DHL Trophy**
2nd: Vince Bristow – an award
3rd: Harry Vaulkhard – an award

Classic Mini Class – No award

Production Overall Category Champion: Dale Ford – The BWB Trophy

Production 1600cc 8v Class
1st: Jonny Chrisp – **The BLW Trophy**
2nd: Tony Chrisp – an award

Production 1600cc 16v Class
1st: Joe Meskauskas – **The MLW Trophy**
2nd: Lee Keeler – an award
3rd: Ryan Randle – an award

Production 1601-2000cc Class
1st: Sue Lane – **The Cothi Bridge Trophy**
2nd: Nathan Jones – an award
3rd: Bradley Sampson – an award

**Junior Rallycross Category Champion:
Ben Sayer – The BTRDA President's Trophy**

2nd: Alfie Jeakins – an award
3rd: James Constantine – an award

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ALLROUNDERS NEARLY ALL THE WAY ROUND...

As we approach the close of another year of Allrounders there are only two events left in the BTRDA calendar of serious fun. We have just had the last AutoSOLO event, held at Curborough, which was organised by the BTRDA Autotest and AutoSOLO committee.

Leading our championship is John Fox, a few points ahead of Alastair Moffatt who, theoretically, could improve his points at the Gloster sporting trial in December. Richard Yapp may be secure in third place. The latest positions are in this news and on the website which will be updated as results are received and verified.

Looking ahead it would seem we will have eight qualifiers at the end of the year as Nick Pollitt and I qualified with our sixth event at the AutoSOLO final, both of us having claimed points from four groups this year thanks to understanding friends who have shared their cars with us, especially me as I've only competed in my own car once this season!!! As you can see from the History section of btrda.com Nick and I have been long time supporters of the Allrounders championship and are the only two contenders who have won all five major trophies (that was before the Duckham Trophy was awarded to the under 25s!!) We have organised and helped out at our fair share of events, competed at every level from grass roots to International, served on the Motorsport Association as Chairman of

Specialist Committees and continue to support BTRDA and our local clubs.

Good to see we have three entrants who have used just one car for all six events with Bob Milligan (British Leyland Mini) leading from Simon Harris in his VW Lupo and Richard Yapp in his MX5.

Just missing out on qualifying this year with five events were Alan Wakeman and Fred Ling, our highest placed Under 25 driver whose studies quite rightly came first.

A special word here for our younger contenders. Check out the new Blue Book to see which events cater for you even if you do not yet have a full RTA driving licence. On some events you will have to have a passenger with a full driving licence. Autotests, AutoSOLO and Trials Regulations, Rallies (where navigators can score points for Allrounders) are all worth a look as well as some events in the Speed Group.

At the Allrounders committee meeting where annually we review regulations, scoring, etc. it was decided that there would be no changes for 2020. The committee is always open for constructive comments and suggestions. Just get in touch.

If you have not yet seen the new motorsport uk website we would recommend that you take a look at the changes for next year and take note of the new competition licence grades. There is also welcome support for licenced officials.

The BTRDA's Committees are very aware of the difficulties that arise for organising clubs when they do not have sufficient entries to run their event by the closing date.

This is not fair. If events are cancelled there are still costs involved with no income to cover them and the events may be lost in future years. Please do try not to be one of these late entrants.

What will the first few months of 2020 hold for you? BTRDA will be at the Autosport International Show (NEC Birmingham) January 11th and 12th with possibly eight cars on the rallycross stand and a forest rally car

Under 25 Allrounder Abbie McGuinness at Pembrey
With apologies, the photo used in the Autumn edition was of Alfie Jenkins

Photo: Trevor Coulson



BTRDA® Allrounders Championship



skill of the top drivers in this engaging and friendly branch of our sport.

The AGM Luncheon and Awards presentation will be held at the Drayton Manor Park Hotel on Sunday, 2nd February. There will be an application for tickets included with this edition of the NEWS.

I close with the usual suggestion to plan your Allrounders season early to include the required six events. Don't leave it too long for your third category. Maybe get that in first.

We wish you all an enjoyable and successful year in motorsport and hope you will all rejoin us in the

Allrounders championship

Whatever the weather, enjoy your motorsport,

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on their new sponsor's stand - MRF tyres. It would be good to see members visit the stands for a chat. January 18th is the day for the sporting trials championship final at Kington, in Herefordshire. It's great to see these remarkable cars up close and to experience the

Provisional Overall Scores to 22nd November 2019

	Score	Grp	Score	Grp	Score	Grp	Score	Grp	Score	Grp	Score	Grp	TOTAL
John Fox	13.33	A	18.18	G	16.80	G	18.00	H	19.00	H	18.18	H	103.49
Alastair Moffatt	18.00	A	17.78	A	17.50	A	15.00	F	12.00	F	18.33	H	98.61
Richard Yapp	10.00	A	11.67	G	16.00	G	15.00	H	17.14	H	14.55	H	84.36
Simon Harris	6.67	A	13.33	B	14.00	B	18.00	B	11.11	H	13.33	H	76.44
<i>Bob Milligan</i>	<i>10.00</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>3.33</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>5.71</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>18.18</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>18.57</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>18.46</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>74.25</i>
John Wadsworth	12.31	B	12.73	B	12.00	B	15.00	G	16.67	G	3.33	H	72.04
Nick Pollitt	8.00	B	8.00	F	11.30	G	6.67	G	14.17	H	16.36	H	64.50
<i>Simon Harris</i>	<i>6.67</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>10.00</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>13.33</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>11.11</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>13.33</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>8.57</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>63.01</i>
<i>Richard Yapp</i>	<i>10.00</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>11.67</i>	<i>G</i>	<i>8.00</i>	<i>G</i>	<i>3.64</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>10.00</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>17.14</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>60.45</i>
Phil Darbyshire	4.00	B	4.00	B	5.00	F	10.00	G	14.29	G	1.82	H	39.11
Alan Wakeman	2.86	B	14.29	G	17.14	H	17.14	H	16.92	H			68.35
Fred Ling ^U	16.67	E	6.67	E	4.44	E	18.00	G	17.14	G			62.92
Jamie Yapp	19.17	H	18.82	H	18.18	H							56.17
Todd Crooks ^U	17.14	E	17.78	E	17.78	E							52.70
Alfie Jeakins ^U	16.67	E	15.56	E	15.56	E							47.79
John Moffatt	14.29	A	13.33	A	15.00	A							42.62
James Hall ^U	13.33	H	14.00	H	12.00	H							39.33
Charlie Titcombe ^U	13.33	E	8.89	E	16.36	E							38.58
Dave Evans	12.00	A	13.33	A	10.91	A							36.24
Abbie McGuinness ^U	10.00	E	9.09	E	16.00	E							35.09
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
Amy Baines ^U	6.67	E	8.00	E	8.00	E							22.67
Mark Bradley ^U	14.55	H											14.55
Luke Powell	8.00	H											8.00
Dave Walker	6.00	B											6.00

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*

^U Indicates Under 25 score

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LOW DOWN TORQUE

We concluded this year's Championship with a fabulous day at Bromsgrove, with the overnight and early morning rain stepping aside as we gathered for the drivers' briefing. Thereafter, Duncan Stephens' superb sections challenged the best of us and the Championship positions were concluded, with HENRY KITCHING taking Gold, TREVOR MOFFATT - Silver, and JOHN CHARLES - Bronze.

Shortly after the Final, the championship committee met to reflect upon the year and to consider any changes for 2020. We also had one much sought after trophy to contemplate and after reviewing the event feedback reports and our own recollections we agreed that the Mike Stephens Trophy should go once again to Woolbridge Motor Club for the best event in the qualifying rounds - the Golden Springs trial. Well done, Mark and the team.

As for 2020, we have introduced a clause to effectively incorporate the Blue Book rule T11.13 to our Production Car Classes. We don't believe this restriction on gear and axle ratios has been abused but it does no harm in clarifying the rule. Other than this, there will be no changes to Class definitions or tyre pressures, but the committee will be reviewing tyre pressures in all classes and this may result in changes for 2021. You are most welcome to

offer your own opinions on changes for the committee's consideration. Similarly, we don't believe we have a mandate to change the Class 1 fixed date at this time but it will be further considered over the coming months and input is again welcomed from competitors or potential competitors.

The 2020 calendar of events sees a few date changes and the introduction of a "Yorkshire Weekend" in July. We're delighted to welcome Airedale & Pennine MCC into the championship and a warm welcome back for Ilkley & DMC's Filtrate Trophy trial. The former championship openers, based in Devon and Somerset, have now moved to May after a couple of years of being defeated by our unpredictable March weather. The robust hills in Wales will now be our cobweb-blowing events.

Before that we can look forward to the annual BTRDA Prizegiving Luncheon at Drayton Manor Hotel near Tamworth, Staffs. Let's aim for a strong turnout on 2nd February to represent our motor sport of choice.

Best wishes.

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Owen Trial 22nd September 2019

The final qualifying round of the 2019 Car Trial championship was again held at Catton Hall and Park, Walton-on-Trent with good points available to take forward to the Grand Final. The weather was mixed on the day but with heavy overnight rain conditions promised to be slippery and testing. The forecast also promised more heavy rain later in the afternoon, leading to an early decision to finish early by dropping the fourth and final round if conditions became a concern.

Turnout of national competitors was a reasonable 21 after a number of late entries boosted the entry. Class 1 had the smallest entry with 4 with a first outing for the year for Nick Pollitt. Class 2 and 3 were well supported with 9 and 8 entries respectively with another first outing for the year with Dave Walker in yet another Corsa from his collection.

The hills were set out across two fields giving a variety of challenges of long and winding sections and some steep climbs over 7 hills. During round 1, Trev Moffatt in Class 1 opened up a marginal 1 point lead over John Wadsworth and Kevin Hardwick. Class 2 saw Simon Harris take a significant lead over Rupert North and Garry Preston. In Class 3, Mark Hoppe opened up a similar lead over closest rival Dave Oliver, with Barrie Parker being a close third.

In Round 2 minor changes were made to the hills and these proved to be more testing, stretching the range of scores across all three classes. In class 1 Trev Moffatt increased his lead from 1 to 9 over nearest competitor John Wadsworth. Class 2 saw Simon Harris have a significantly better round than closest rivals and further open up his class lead to 12 points over Rupert North, with Garry Preston dropping

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further behind. In Class 3 Mark Hoppe also increased his lead over Dave Oliver and Barrie Parker.

After lunch we contested the third and final round as the anticipated onset of heavy rain brought the day to a premature end. In class 1 Trev Moffatt further extended his lead to 16 points, securing the Class win over John Wadsworth with Nick Pollitt coming third. In Class 2 Rupert North had a better round than Simon Harris and was able to reduce his deficit to 10 points. However, it was too little and too late to prevent Simon taken First Overall on index but sufficient to take the class win over Garry Preston. Class 3 saw a similar fight back from Dave Oliver who was able to claw back 6 points from Mark Hoppe but still not enough to

prevent Mark securing the class win. Ifan Robert was awarded the novice award after finishing only 3 points behind his father Kevin Roberts.

This was the last round of the MSUK championship. Mark Hoppe retained his British championship after defeating Garry Preston who was the only other competitor in contention and had to settle for second overall. Third place was awarded to Trev Moffatt after a tie break with Rupert North. Class 1 award went to Henry Kitching, Class 2 award went to Rupert North, and Class 3 award went to Barrie Parker. The junior award went to Ifan Roberts.

Trevor Moffatt

2019 Grand Final, Organised by the BTRDA, 13th October 2019

Although the weather conditions were somewhat similar to those we encountered at the Ernest Owen Trial three weeks previously – moderate rain – the ground conditions were totally different. We had had weeks of pretty dry weather prior to the few hours of rain at Owen, which meant the ground was rock hard under the long, wet grass. Those were perfect conditions for the Golf and me, while the Final's ground was pretty soggy after at least six inches of rain in the previous fortnight. Apparently, it had been quite dry when Duncan Stephens and his assistants had set the hills on the Saturday. That meant an early start for him to reset most of the sections for Sunday's wet conditions. Before installing any ballast, I went for a walk on the area near the hills and, finding it soft in places but firm in others, I decided to put in just one lump rather than the usual two; and yes, I

did tell the scrutineer. From the 19 qualifiers, we had five entries each in classes one and two, with six in class three – three drivers abstaining. That was a nice even spread, so the winner could come from any of them. It was imperative that, as we were sharing some of the land with the MGCC, we had wide hills with plenty of scope for choice of route. With Duncan Stephens as Clerk of the Course, there would be no issues on that front with up to four choices of line on many sections – some up to 50 yards wide. At the briefing, we had an early mensa test with the hill order. All of us BTRDA entries would start at Hill 14, followed by hills 7 to 10, then 13 to 11. For the second round, Hill 14 would come at the end instead. It sort of made sense with the MG entries also sharing some hills, and it generally worked. It was still raining lightly as we started, but it was forecasted to stop around lunchtime and an interesting day was in prospect.

Class One

Because of the ground-share situation, we all started at the same hill (14) with Class One going first. Graham Price brought his Lupo TDi for Ros and him to use rather than the Beetle (very wise move in these conditions). John Wadsworth was in his usual Ka, with Trevor Moffatt and Henry Kitching in their Corsas. Graham was the guinea pig and sailed round to a one, Henry



Silver Star Champion Trevor Moffatt
Photo: Duncan Stephens

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and John followed with Trevor Moffatt scraping a clean and the gauntlet was thrown down to Henry Kitching..... who picked it up and was devastatingly good for the rest of the first round, losing just 6 marks. Trevor was on 21 and the others in the 30's and 50's. It was that sort of day. This first hill was so deceptive, as it got more and more slippery and it claimed a number of major scalps late in the day, including Hoppé, Preston, Harris and Moffatt. It became known as the "Oh dear, I messed it up" hill – or words to that effect.

Henry modestly thought he had the best of the conditions, but in truth, he just drove very well in trickling conditions that suited his style. John was trying to trickle most of the time, but needed more speed on the flat bits before feathering the throttle. Ros and Graham gamely carried on, but were not really enjoying the slippery slidey conditions. Their reward would come from just finishing; and they did.

Class Two consisted of four former Gold Star® winners (Simon Harris, Rupert North, Neil Mackay and Garry Preston mounted in their usual steeds, plus Richard Harrison who has been sharing Garry's Fiat 127 on and off this year. Would Rupert's Mini 'float' over the soggy ground? Would the Fiat behave itself on it? Was my Golf too heavy and going to 'sink' into the wet ground that might become mud? Was Neil sure what would happen with his new-ish Ignis? Well, it was all of these and none too! My light foot seemed to be light enough, the Mini was floating at times and the Fiat was finding the ground a bit heavy. Nick Pollitt, marshalling on a hill, did comment to me that he thought he would choose a Golf on a day like today. However, I did note that he said this after Round One! I had managed to eek out a lead of 5 on Rupert after the first round, with Garry 9 further down. I got away with an error on the first hill of the second round by using the full width of the section and finding grip where there had no right to be any. My clean there and on Hill 10 gave me a twenty point lead at lunch. Garry had a 'mare on the last hill before lunch (yes, *that* hill!), to drop behind Neil and the double-driving Richard.

There seemed to be one driver in each class who was streets ahead of the rest, and apparently it was very close as to which of those

three was leading overall. Not that that mattered at lunch as there was half the event to go. The rain did as it was forecast and made the afternoon a little less unpleasant for the marshals; but the hills wouldn't dry out at all – that was a certainty.

I needed to concentrate and not do anything silly – like drop a stupid nine on the first hill after lunch (yep, that hill again)! I thought I had thrown away my overall chances then and I gave myself a bit of a talking to. On the Allman hill (Dad and David marshalling well together), it was now a question of speed on hitting the wide muddy area and flooring it in second gear. I managed to take about four marks off my rivals there as the Golf had the power to get through it. I could have probably gained a couple more marks if I had not changed into reverse rather than first as we slowly left the mud and reached the grass near the top!

The choice of line on the middle hill of the far field was mesmerising – three different gaps in the hedge could be used depending on whether you wanted to risk getting a better line past the six post or more speed if you could ride the bumps better and thought you could turn in time. Fascinating stuff, and I only got it right on the last round, taking seven off my class rivals. I also got my line right at the second hairpin on Hazel and Mike Stephens' hill on the last round where each of the others in class stopped. As the section had been widened at the two post, it felt rude not to clean that hill too. Much pleasure shown!

Had I done enough to win overall?

Class 3

With Steve Courts not qualifying for the Final because his new knee had restricted his competition time this year, there were only six entries in Class Three. Barrie brought the Westfield which might burn everywhere, Dave Oliver's Imp could do so too to a limited extent but could also trickle, while John Charles' light Liege took on the Roberts' family Dutton and Mark Hoppé's Melos. Mark Hoppé probably started favourite for the event having had a very strong season again, but favourites don't always win, and these conditions were very different. Things were close during round one. Barrie cleaned the Stephens' hill and won other odd

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marks here and there, and this left him on 5, Dave on 7, Mark on 10 with John and Kevin on 16. Ifan couldn't get to grips with the conditions..... yet. Barrie stamped his authority on the class in round two with an unbeatable performance on every hill. Brilliant driving – alternating between blasting and cross camber trickling – saw him lose just 13 marks, with Dave on 29 and the rest in the forties. Mark had a horror round and was resigned to a bad day at the office. He changed wheels at lunch (under the watchful eye of the scrutineer) and hoped that would help, but knew that he was carrying much too much car ballast, despite his new-found relatively slimline body frame.

Barrie was leading overall at lunch, apparently, and had the class by eighteen, but could he hold it together – and would the others allow him to? It was Kevin's turn to have a bad round with Ifan taking 13 off him. At last Mark was doing well, and both he and Dave beat Barrie on round three. Both Dave and Barrie blasted up the Allman hill, while Mark and John had too much weight and just didn't have the power respectively. Ifan beat Kevin (again!) on the final round, but the mis-firing Phaeton didn't allow them to show their abilities this time when engine smoothness was a key to the day. Barrie restored his winning ways to the final round with a good clean on the middle hill of the far field; getting round the right-hander when most didn't. Dave was only 12 marks behind at the end, so it

would be close for overall with Mark's afternoon improvement factored in too.

The hills that Duncan Stephens set were brilliant. There was so much room to choose different lines and different tactics that experienced drivers were heard to say 'well, I never thought of that approach to that hill!' Many clerks could learn from these sections. Mistakes were made by all, brilliant climbs by many, and a lot was learned by everybody in some very tricky conditions. The marshals did an excellent job on the wide and varied hills; it was very slippery for them too, of course, so thank you to all of them. When the sums were done, I was delighted to be told that had won overall. Those final two climbs in the far field made all the difference. I was very pleased to be driving the only car which cleaned all the hills at least once in the day; that was very satisfying. But it means that for the second consecutive year, the winner of the Grand Final did not win the Gold Star®. I had played around with my Lupo for Allrounders points earlier this year and hadn't scored well enough to be in contention for the Gold Star®. However, it was very VERY close for the Gold Star® with three points covering the top eight drivers. See Scorer's Snippets for more details about the championship.

It's been another year of excellent competition and socialising and some of us need to add a special thanks to the unsung heroes in the passenger seats.

SNH (with assistance from HK)

First Overall	Simon Harris	VW Golf GTi	64	73%
First in Class 1	Henry Kitching	Vauxhall Corsa	95	76%
First in Class 2	Rupert North	Rover Mini	109	124%
First in Class 3	Barrie Parker	Westfield Sei	55	85%

Scorer's Snippets 5th November 2019

The Gold Star® Championship was incredibly close this year. As I was adding in the scores from the Grand Final in, I could hardly believe what I was writing. 76, 76, 77, 74, 76, 74, 77, 74.... Yes, we had eight drivers in seven different marques of car within three points of each other. Points at the Final are doubled, and the overall winner of the Final scores a bonus of 5 points. The two drivers who went into the Final with maximum 60 points did not have good days, both finishing third in class. Not too surprisingly

with this closeness of scores, there was a tie at the top. This was easily sorted by the tie-break rule of who did better at the Final and after a brilliant performance on the day, Henry Kitching just pipped Trevor Moffatt to be Gold Star® Champion. Barrie Parker, Mark Hoppé and Garry Preston finished just one point behind, with Simon Harris, Dave Oliver and Rupert North two points further back.

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Trevor Moffatt can console himself with easily retaining the Silver Star® Championship after a great season of competing on every event and never finishing lower than third in class. Because of our different results at the Final, I beat Kevin Roberts to the runners up spot, with Neil Mackay and John Wadsworth a little further back.

The Bronze Star® was a little closer, but John Charles' consistency through the year has been rewarded with being Bronze Star® Champion. John now moves up to the Silver Star® championship next year. Graham Price didn't start competing until the year was nearly half gone, but, again, his consistency of good scoring in both Beetle and Lupo have earned him the Runners Up place. Ifan Roberts and Richard Harrison missed out this time, and Ros Price could probably have pushed them close if she had competed in the autumn. However, she finished the Final and it is very pleasing that the Nancy Mitchel Trophy is being presented this year.

Mark Hoppé has the consolation (though he may not think of it in this way) of retaining the Mac Hazlewood and Jack Williams Trophies and

Woolbridge Motor Club was voted the best event for the second year running.

The usual annual statistics follow..... The average number of competitors per event has increased slightly to 28 this year; while the average number of national competitors has reduced to 19. BTRDA registered drivers attendance at events went down slightly – to an average of 14½ per event. The number of championship registrations increased from 27 to 32, but four of these didn't compete at all, while another four did so only once. Two of those former drivers were for health reasons, and they have promised to be competing again next year. The best supported event (including Clubman) again was Falcon Motor Club's Ivinghoe Spring Trial with a full 50 entries and 46 starters, while the most National competitors were at the Wyre Forest and Gaby Mohr Trials (26). The Cymru had the most BTRDA competitors with 18.

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

Simon Harris



**Gold Star Champion
Henry Kitching
Photo: Duncan Stephens**

2019 Award Winners

Gold Star® Winner	Henry Kitching
Silver Star® Winner	Trevor Moffatt
Silver Star® Runner up	Simon Harris
Bronze Star® Winner	John Charles
Bronze Star® Runner up	Graham Price
Class 1 Winner	John Wadsworth
Class 2 Winner	Rupert North
Class 3 Winner	Barrie Parker
Jack Williams Trophy	Mark Hoppé
Nancy Mitchell Trophy	Ros Price
Mac Hazlewood Trophy	Mark Hoppé
Mike Stephens Trophy	Woolbridge Motor Club

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Sporting Trials update

It's been quite a year in the world of Sporting Trials, we started the season back in February with the new excellent venue for the Geoff Taylor trial, the testing of the diffs we use has been high on the agenda, and latterly the tyres.

Tyres, we have lobbied hard to get the Toyo 330 back onto the eligible tyre list for 2020, I'm hopeful that they will be, but we are still waiting confirmation from the MSUK that they will be acceptable to use in all championship events. None of the tyres we currently have on the list are easy to source, the Toyo is a reasonably priced tyre, similar performance to the popular Maxxis and having historic status should be available for some time.

The diff, the hidden heart of a trials car, have with the accusations and insinuations being made of cheating become the main issue for us to solve. The community has embraced the idea of testing and Richard Sharp has spent the last 18 months developing a test rig that would stand up to scrutiny and be accepted by competitors. Almost all the cars taking part in the sport have now been tested, and almost all of those have passed below the threshold set for the 2020 season. The ones that haven't are working hard to conform.

Tackling the issue head on has been popular, and we are now close to finding a solution that will bring trust back into the sport. It will allow great drivers to excel without the criticism and great engineers who might look to bend the rules to think twice about doing so.

The second half of the season has been wet, very wet, eventually the ground conditions took its toll on the very popular Loughborough event at Eaton as a waterlogged car park stopped play.

As the BTRDA news goes to print, we have just one event left, the Gloucester Trial at Frocester, it is unlikely that the results will make very much difference to the overall standings for the year. The class awards have been closely contested, the independent red class has been a battle between Simon Kingsley and Richard Sharp, with Simon prevailing as the winner. The independent blue class has seen Andy Wilkes put in some excellent performances to

win, closely followed by John Cole. The live axle classes have been dominated by Bob Packham in Red and Alan Baker in Blue, both finishing along way ahead of their competition. The Rookie class has been dominated by Darren Underwood, with Keith Parker starting to put in some great drives to finish in second.

We end the year, looking forward to the Gold and Silver star finals, which will take place on Saturday 19th January at the Kington site, with the evening dinner to follow at Chateau Impney.

With the diff testing sorted and a new tyre we can use, I wonder what the hot topics of 2020 will be? I hope we all concentrate on promoting the sport to new comers, enjoying some beautiful countryside, trying to beat Simon Kingsley and staying safe!

Stuart Beare



Top: Alan Baker at the Robin Alexander Trial
Bottom: Simon Kingsley at the David Ayres Trial
Photo: Duncan Stephens

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Top BTRDA Championship Positions after the Tulley's Farm Trial

Position	Driver	Class	Axle	Total	Best 10	Average	Events	Charles Pollard	John Southern	Mercian	Tulley's Farm
Independent Red Class											
1	Simon Kingsley	Red	Indi	365	289	29	13	d25		28	
2	Richard Sharp	Red	Indi	474	281	28	18	d26	30	27	28
3	Boyd Webster	Red	Indi	246	246	25	10	19	29		
Independent Blue Class											
1	Andy Wilks	Blue	Indi	272	252	25.2	11	N		22	
2	John Cole	Blue	Indi	268	219	21.9	13	d18		19	
3	Mike Readings	Blue	Indi	172	172	19.11	9			17	
Live Red Class											
1	Bob Packham	Red	Live	208	208	29.71	7		N	30	
2	Brian Thornton	Red	Live	141	141	28.2	5		29		
3	Mark Howse	Red	Live	116	116	29	4				30
Live Blue Class											
1	Alan Baker	Blue	Live	396	291	29.1	14	30		d26	R
2	Phil Blagden	Blue	Live	173	173	24.71	7				26
3	Ian Fullwood	Blue	Live	170	170	28.33	6		N	29	
Rookie Class											
1	Darren Underwood	Rookie	Live	245	189	18.9	14	17		d16	N
2	Keith Parker	Rookie	Live	115	115	12.78	9	13		10	22
3	Paul Marsh	Rookie	Live	64	64	16	4				
All Live Axle Classes											
1	Alan Baker	Blue	Live	396	291	29.1	14	30		d26	R
2	Darren Underwood	Rookie	Live	386	283	28.3	14	29		28	N
3	Keith Parker	Rookie	Live	220	220	24.44	9	27		24	25
All Driver Classes											
1	Simon Kingsley	Red	Indi	365	289	28.9	13	d25		28	
2	Richard Sharp	Red	Indi	465	278	27.8	18	26	30	27	26
3	Andy Wilks	Blue	Indi	266	248	24.8	11	N		21	
4	Boyd Webster	Red	Indi	240	240	24	10	19	27		
5	Paul Price	Red	Indi	236	236	26.22	9	22		20	
6	Roland Uglow	Red	Indi	228	228	28.5	8	29			
7	George Watson	Red	Indi	221	221	22.1	10	20		19	R
8	Alan Baker	Blue	Live	269	218	21.8	14	d18		d12	R
9	Peter Fensom	Red	Indi	213	213	26.63	8	28		N	27
10	John Fack	Red	Indi	210	210	26.25	8	24		25	

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Provisional Top Scorers Scores after the Tulley's Farm Trial

All Competitors												
Position	Driver	Class	Axle	Total	Best 9	Average	Events	David Ayres	Peter Fear	Charles Pollard	Mercian	Tulley's Farm
1	Simon Kingsley	Red	Indi	170	127	14.11	13	14	14	d10	13	
2	Richard Sharp	Red	Indi	151	113	12.56	14	15	d9	11	12	11
3	Ian Wright	Red	Indi	100	100	14.29	7				14	15
4	Roland Uglov	Red	Indi	93	93	13.29	7	12		14		
5	Andy Wilks	Blue	Indi	87	84	9.33	10	10	12	N	6	
6	John Fack	Red	Indi	78	78	11.14	7	11	10	9	10	
7	Josh Veale	Red	Indi	76	76	10.86	7		6	15	15	
8	Boyd Webster	Red	Indi	69	69	8.63	8			4		
9	Jerome Fack	Red	Indi	67	67	7.44	9	8	8		11	
10	Bryan Walker	Red	Indi	66	66	13.2	5			12		
11	George Watson	Red	Indi	60	60	6.67	9	6	R	5	4	R
12	Paul Price	Red	Indi	59	59	9.83	6		13	7	5	
13	Julian Fack	Red	Indi	54	54	9	6		15	8	R	
14	Peter Fensom	Red	Indi	52	52	10.4	5			13	N	12
15	Alan Baker	Blue	Live	46	46	5.11	11	5		3	d0	R
16	Stuart Beare	Red	Mix	44	44	8.8	5					13
17	Jeff Armitstead	Blue	Live	41	41	10.25	4					
18	Mark Howse	Red	Live	32	32	8	4		R			14
19	Bob Packham	Red	Live	31	31	7.75	4				7	
20	Darren Underwood	Rookie	Live	30	30	3.33	11	4	5	2	1	N
All Live Axle Classes												
1	Alan Baker	Blue	Live	144	124	13.78	11	15		15	d11	R
2	Darren Underwood	Rookie	Live	142	121	13.44	11	14	15	14	13	N
3	Ian Fullwood	Blue	Live	80	80	13.33	6		R		14	
4	Neil Martin	Blue	Live	67	67	11.17	6		14	13	10	
5	Keith Parker	Rookie	Live	67	67	9.57	7		13	12	9	10
6	Sam Beare	Blue	Live	65	65	13	5					13
7	Bob Packham	Red	Live	59	59	14.75	4				15	
8	Jeff Armitstead	Blue	Live	59	59	14.75	4					
9	Mark Howse	Red	Live	56	56	14	4		R			15



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TRACKROD ENDS THE BTRDA SEASON!...

Although the BTRDA Gold, Silver & Bronze stars had all been claimed prior to the completion of the Jordan Road Surfacing BTRDA Gold Star® Rally Championship season, it was left to the final round, the Trackrod Forest Stages, to take care of all the business that remained unfinished - and there was plenty of that!

Following a dreadful start to their campaign which didn't see them reach an event finish until Round 3 in April, Stephen Petch/Michael Wilkinson had been on the back foot virtually since the off. If they were to retrieve anything from their season, the pair had to indulge in 'no-fault' rallying for the remaining five events. Even after four consecutive finishes, they were still languishing down at the lower end of the Top Ten, but they had a trump card to play, should they find themselves in a position to use it.... While their rivals had already put the necessary five scores on the board and could only improve on their lowest, Petch/Wilkinson would count everything they could muster on the North York Moors. So, what a time to take a maximum!..

3rd place on the Trackrod Forest Stages, behind two non-BTRDA registered crews, elevated the 2017 Gold Star Champions to runners-up spot for the second year in succession. Even so, it was uncomfortably close - their Fiesta WRC arrived back at the finish in Filey less than two seconds in front of Ian Bainbridge's Fabia R5!

The Darlington driver's switch from an Impreza to the Skoda has been a revelation, as FTD on the second stage of the day, Staindale, would serve to highlight.

George Lepley/Tom Woodburn appeared in their Lancer EVOX once again, leading the B13 crews home in 4th place, but 5th for Richard Sykes/Simon Taylor's EVO9 was enough to give them the class this year. The Top Ten in Yorkshire was also rounded off by a trio of B13 contestants - Ian Joel/Graeme Wood (Escort Cosworth) and the Imprezas of Phil & Simon Pickard and Richard Hill/Steffan Evans - who were all running neck and neck by the finish.

Tom Preston/Carl Williamson's outing as a possible prelude to a Gold Star assault in 2020 came to nought when their ex Charlie Payne Fiesta WRC retired with a broken diff.

After yet another season of close finishes in the race for the BTRDA Production Cup®, prior to the Trackrod, the challengers had been whittled down to two - Scott Faulkner/Gareth Parry and Pat Naylor/Ian Lawrence. Basically, the first ones home would become 2019 Champions - however, on the day, Naylor/Lawrence didn't make it home and, hence, Faulkner/Parry's 11th overall and 1st in class have given them their inaugural Production Cup title.

The MRF Fiesta ST Trophy had already been decided in favour of Zak Hughes/Tom Wood on the Woodpecker Stages, such that they had opted to run an R2 car on the final round. In their absence, Bobby Mitchell took the class win to consolidate his runner-up spot in this year's Trophy.

Notwithstanding the fact that Andy Davison/Tom Murphy were already confirmed as 2nd overall and winning Co-driver in this year's Jordan Road Surfacing BTRDA Silver Star® Championship prior to the start of the Trackrod

BTRDA Production Cup winners
Scott Faulkner/Gareth Parry on
the Trackrod Rally
Photo: Malc Almond/Kevin Money





Jordan Road Surfacing BTRDA® Rally Series



Forest Stages, they set about the event with typical tenacity, guiding their Talbot Sunbeam VXR to its third consecutive maximum points score. Indeed, in the final reckoning, Davison is only three points adrift of the overall Champion, George Lepley!

Keeping a very close eye on the Sunbeam in Yorkshire was Rob Wright's Escort which finished one place and 45s behind it, confirming the driver as occupying the final podium spot in the Silver Star Championship when it mattered! Geoff Phelps/Pete Wilson's hopes of improving their end-of-season standing were dashed when their Escort stopped in Langdale.

With the BTRDA Rallye R2 Cup also having been claimed, James Giddings took the opportunity to record his first maximum which puts him on the same points score as an absent Tommi Meadows. However, the series runner-up already had two maximums to his credit, leaving Giddings standing on the final rung of the podium. Ed Fossey once again broke the Ford monopoly with 2nd in his Peugeot 208, while Tony Simpson/Ian Bevan's Seacon UK Fiesta was 3rd.

As far as the BTRDA Historic Cup® was concerned, a string of retirements left the points table as it was. The Escorts of David Gathercole, Steve Ward and Ben Friend all served to swell the list of DNFs at various times during the day, while Tom Coughtrie/Ian Fraser

have obviously still to get to the bottom of the problems afflicting their Mitsubishi Galant.

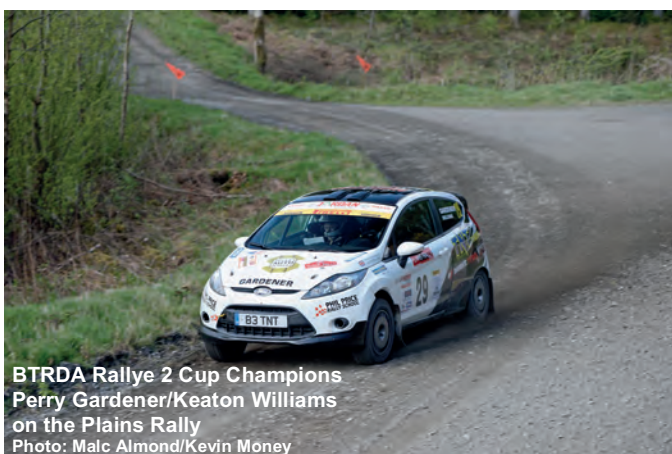
Steve Black/Paul Morris, in their Suzuki Swift, were the highest-seeded Fuchs Lubricants BTRDA 1400 Championship® contenders on the Trackrod Forest Stages and, much to their delight, the highest-placed finishers in the category as well! However, with the final top two category positions already confirmed, whatever they did wasn't going to change anything - but it's still a great confidence boost to end the season on a high!

Richard Jordan/James Gratton-Smith were next in their Proton Satria but it was in Class 1400C where the pre-match nerves will have been greatest. In the red corner, Mat & Dan Evans in their Peugeot 205 were pitted against the Micra of Richard Garnett/Rob Gilham. Prior to the start, the Micra held the upper hand, but with five scores to the Evans' four - so, with the numbers involved, as long as the Evans' completed the event, the class title was theirs, no matter what Garnett/Gilham threw at them. Then the Micra went out with a broken bottom arm on the penultimate stage, leaving the brothers with just(!) North Dalby - all 11 miles of it - to go.... They were running out of gears but the ones they'd got left saw them back to Filey and their fourth maximum score of the season....

Graham Roberts was the only person who stood a chance of depriving an absent Joseph Keen of the BTRDA Rally First® Championship title.

However, to finish first, you must first finish etc etc and Roberts' MG ZR went OTL before the final stage, leaving Keen to celebrate from afar. The only other RF scorers on the day were Wesley Gilford/Mark Townson (Fiesta ST) who returned home with a class win for their efforts.

Martin Little's cheque book has been pressed into service for the final time and, on this occasion, the recipients were a mixture of the



BTRDA Rallye 2 Cup Champions
Perry Gardener/Keaton Williams
on the Plains Rally
Photo: Malc Almond/Kevin Money





Jordan Road Surfacing BTRDA® Rally Series



usual suspects + a newcomer... Drivers George Lepley, Ed Fossey & Zak Hughes and Co-drivers Tom Murphy, Gareth Parry and, adding his name to the list for the first time, Lewis Griffiths should all be sitting at home writing 'thank-you' letters!... Seriously, thank you, Martin, for the gesture - it's been much appreciated and the BTRDA, as a whole, owes you a debt of gratitude for providing what has consistently been the best and most comprehensive rally results service on the planet!

Meanwhile, contenders for the MAXXIS Motorsport UK English Rally Championship had to wait until early November for their final round, the Wydean Forest Stages. All eyes turned towards Mitcheldean for the return of the only stage rally to use the Forest of Dean these days. Proving, once again, that out-and-out power is not a pre-requisite in this class-based series, a 1400cc win by Steve Black in his Suzuki Swift gave the Brackley driver the 2019 title from the Escort of Tim Phelps. Black's co-driver, Paul Morris, missed out on his category on a tie-break as Tom Wood, who had hitched a ride in Richard Wells' Fiesta for the day, finished on equal points. The regulations state that, in the event of a tie, the number of 1st, 2nd & 3rd places, etc, obtained by the relevant competitors will be taken into consideration. Wood returned home from the Malcolm Wilson Rally back in March

with a maximum, while Morris' best score was a 2nd which came on the Trackrod Forest Stages....

Congratulations to all those involved in keeping us guessing right to the last moment as to the identities of Ian Joel & Graeme Wood's successors to the English Rally Championship title!...

So, as the 2019 season is now at an end, it's all-change in terms of headline sponsors for next year and time for us to say a very grateful 'thank you' to Jordan Road Surfacing for their involvement with the BTRDA Rally Series and, likewise, to MAXXIS Tyres for the past four years with the English Rally Championship. Although, naturally, we're biased, the BTRDA promotes some of the most successful motorsport series in the UK but, at the same time, we couldn't achieve the current level of professionalism without some outside assistance. Hence, we sincerely hope that, for both Jordan and MAXXIS, their association with us has been a two-way street and that they, too, have derived some benefit.

For 2020, MRF Tyres will be putting their name to the BTRDA Rally Series, while we welcome Seacon UK to the Motorsport UK English Rally Championship. Keep your eyes peeled on : www.btrdarally.com/ and: www.englishrally.co.uk/ respectively and further details will be added at regular intervals.

ANDREW HAILL



Above:- Andy Davison with Silver Star Champion Co-Driver Tom Murphy on the Trackroad.
Right:- Stephen Petch/Michael Wilkinson highest placed Gold Star contenders on the Trackrod
Photo: Malc Almond/Kevin Money





Jordan Road Surfacing BTRDA® Rally Series



2019 Award Winners

JORDAN Road Surfacing BTRDA GOLD STAR® CHAMPIONSHIP

Champion Driver	Euan Thorburn*	Champion Co-Driver	Paul Beaton
Second Overall	Stephen Petch	Second Overall	Michael Wilkinson
Third Overall	Patrick Naylor	Third Overall	Ian Lawrence

JORDAN Road Surfacing BTRDA SILVER STAR® CHAMPIONSHIP

Champion Driver	George Lepley*	Champion Co-Driver	Tom Murphy
Second Overall	Andy Davison	Second Overall	Keaton Williams
Third Overall	Rob Wright	Third Overall	Ian Bevan

1400 RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP (BRONZE STAR)

Champion Driver	Callum Black*	Champion Co-Driver	Michael Gilbey
Second Overall	Chris Powell	Second Overall	Jim Lewis
Third Overall	Steve Black	Third Overall	Paul Morris

BTRDA RALLY FIRST CHAMPIONSHIP

Champion Driver	Joseph Keen*	Champion Co-Driver	Mark Townson
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BTRDA PRODUCTION CUP

Champion Driver	Scott Faulkner*	Champion Co-Driver	Gary Parry
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BTRDA HISTORIC CUP

Champion Driver	George Lepley*	Champion Co-Driver	Tom Woodburn
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Overall Award Winners are not eligible for class Awards
Drivers marked * each receive 4 free Revolution Competition Wheels
courtesy of Warren McKiernan and Revolution Wheels

BTRDA CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

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

George Lepley
Tom Murphy
Shannon Turnbull
Richard Sykes
Ian Lawrence



JORDAN Road Surfacing BTRDA GOLD STAR CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS AWARDS

B14	Driver	Co-Driver	B13	Driver	Co-Driver
1 st	Charlie Payne	Carl Williamson	1 st	Richard Sykes	Simon Taylor
2 nd	Sam Bilham	Patrick Walsh	2 nd	Richard Hill	Steffan Evans
3 rd	Ian Brainbridge		3 rd	Ian Joel	Declan Dear
NR4	Driver	Co-Driver	N3	Driver	Co-Driver
1 st	Scott Faulkner	Gareth Parry	1 st	Zac Hughes	Tom Wood
2 nd	Russ Thompson	Andy Murphy	2 nd	Bobby Mitchell	Shannon Turnbull
3 rd			3 rd	Steven Ormond-Smith	
B12	Driver	Co-Driver	B11	Driver	Co-Driver
1 st	Tim Phelps	Elwyn Manuel	1 st	Geoff Phelps	Terry Mallin
2 nd	Owen McCakin	Lee Taylor	2 nd	Robert Bradley	Kevin Booth
3 rd	Colin Griffiths		3 rd		Peter Wilson
H 1/2	Driver	Co-Driver	H4	Driver	Co-Driver
1 st	David Gathercole		1 st	Tom Coughtrie	-
H3	Driver	Co-Driver			
1 st	Steve Ward	Ian Jones			
2 nd	Ben Friend	Mike Crawford			
3 rd		Cliff Simmons			

BTRDA 1400 CHAMPIONSHIP - CLASS AWARDS

1400S	Driver	Co-Driver	1400C	Driver	Co-Driver
1 st	Noel Lappin	Stefan Arndt	1 st	Matthew Evans	Daniel Evans
2 nd	Dominic Hodge	Will Atkins	2 nd	Richard Garnett	Robert Gilham
3 rd	Richard Jordan	James Gratton-Smith			

BTRDA RALLY FIRST - CLASS AWARDS

RF2.0	Driver	Co-Driver	RF1.4	Driver	Co-Driver
1 st	Graham Roberts	-	1 st	Sam Johnson	Liam Johnson
2 nd	Wesley Gilford	-			

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



Motorsport UK English Rally
Champion Co-Driver

Tom Wood with

“Looking to the Future” prize
winner Zak Hughes
on the Woodpecker Rally

Photo: Malc Almond/
Kevin Money



Jordan Road Surfacing BTRDA® Rally Series



BTRDA Rallye R2 Cup

Champion Driver	Perry Gardener	Champion Co-Driver	Keaton Williams
Second Driver	Tommi Meadows	Second Co-driver	Ian Bevan
Third Driver	James Giddings	Third Co-driver	Tim Tordoff

FIESTA ST TROPHY

Champion Driver	Zak Hughes*	Champion Co-Driver	Tom Wood
Second Driver	Bobby Mitchell	Second Co-driver	Shannon Turnbull
Third Driver	Steve Ormond-Smith	Third Co-driver	Mark Townson

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

THE 2019 **Install Automation Ltd** 'Looking to the Future' prize has been awarded to **Zak Hughes**. This prize which has been donated by Adam Kent, the 1998 Gold Star Champion, provides a £2,500 fund to be used for event entry fees in the 2020 MRF Tyres BTRDA Rally Series.

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

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



Steve Black and
Paul Morris on the
Trackrod Rally
Motorsport UK English
Rally Champion Driver,
2nd Overall Co-Driver
BTRDA 1400
Championship
3rd Overall Crew

Photo: Malc Almond/
Kevin Money





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2019 English Rally Championship

Award Winners

Champion Driver	Steve Black	Champion Co-Driver	Tom Wood
Second Overall	Tim Phelps	Second Overall	Paul Morris

Overall Winners are not eligible for class awards

E1	Driver	Co-Driver	E5	Driver	Co-Driver
1 st	Welsley Gilford	Mark Townson	1 st	-	Elwyn Manuel
E3	Driver	Co-Driver	E6	Driver	Co-Driver
1 st	Robert Smith	Frankie Hilman	1 st	Scott Faulkner	Gareth Parry
2 nd	James Giddings	Ian Bevan	2 nd	Richard Hill	Declan Dear
3 rd	Zak Hughes	-	3 rd	Matthew Hirst	Graeme Wood
E4	Driver	Co-Driver	E7	Driver	Co-Driver
1 st	Andy Davison	Tom Murphy	1 st	Stephen Petch	Michael Wilkinson
2 nd	Rob Wright	-	2 nd	-	Carl Williamson
3 rd	Geoff Phelps	-			

First Junior Driver, £250 from Mintex - **George Lepley**

First Junior Co-Driver – **Gareth Parry**

All the above awards will be presented at the JORDAN ROAD SURFACING BTRDA Rally Series Dinner and Awards Ceremony on Saturday 11th January 2020 at the Drayton Manor Hotel, Near Tamworth, West Midlands. B78 3SA

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BTRDA® 2020 Championship Events

December 2019

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

Please check the BTRDA website for updates

	Autotest	AutoSOLO	Car Trials	Rallycross	Rally – Asphalt	Rally - Forest	Sporting Trials
Jan	4/5						
	11					Awards Evening	
	12					Drayton Manor Park Hotel	
	18						Gold Star Final &
	19						Awards Evening
	25						
	26			Awards Evening			
Feb	2	AGM & Prize Presentation Luncheon – Drayton Manor Park Hotel					
	8					Cambrian Rally	
	9						
	15						
	16						J B Taylor
							Kentish Border
	22						
	23			Test Day Blyton			Geoff Taylor
							Hagley & District
	29						



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	Autotest	AutoSOLO	Car Trials	Rallycross	Rally – Asphalt	Rally - Forest	Sporting Trials
Mar	1						Walsingham 750 MC
	7						Training Day Shelsley Walsh
	8	Hagley & DLCC Curborough					Peter Blankstone MAC
	14						Stuart Butterfield NPTCC
	15						Stone Trough NPTCC
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December 2019

	Autotest	AutoSOLO	Car Trials	Rallycross	Rally – Asphalt	Rally - Forest	Sporting Trials
May	2		Spring Trial Axminster				Jigger Jug NPTCC
	3	Rhyl & District MC* Mostyn	Golden Springs Crewkerne				Raymond Baxter NPTCC
	8	Bank Holiday					
	9						
	10	Clwyd Vale MC					Four Turnings Camel Vale
	15				Manx National Rally		
	16						
	17	Wolverhampton & SSCC TBA	Boundless by CMSA NWMG				Jacobean Midland TCC
	23		Derwydd Corwen				
	24		Matthews Auto Salvage Anglesey				
	25	Bank Holiday Monday					
	30						
	31			R4 Lydden Hill	Jim Clark Rally		
Jun	6						
	7	Loughborough CC Coventry Motofest	Dolphin MC Abingdon			The 75 th Scottish Rally	
	13						
	14		Wyre Forest Stourport on Severn				
	20						
	21	Alwoodley MC TBA	Boundless by CMSA NWMG				
			Wye Valley Ledbury				



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		Autotest	AutoSOLO	Car Trials	Rallycross	Rally – Asphalt	Rally - Forest	Sporting Trials
Jun	27							
	28				R5 Blyton Park			
July	4							
	5	Knutsford & DMC Wrexham						
	11						Nicky Grist Stages Incl. MSA English	
	12						Builth Wells	
						Tyrone Stages		
	18	South of Scotland MC						
	19	TBA	ECMOS Cheltenham race Course					
	25			A & P Car Trial Bolton Bridge				
	26			Filtrate Trophy Bolton Abbey				
Aug	1							
	2		Bath MC Kemble					
	8							
	9				R6 Pembrey R7 Pembrey			
	15							
	16							



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December 2019

	Autotest	AutoSOLO	Car Trials	Rallycross	Rally – Asphalt	Rally - Forest	Sporting Trials
Aug	22						
	23	Caernarvonshire & Anglesey MC Trac Mon					
	29						
	30						
	31	Bank Holiday Monday					
Sep	5						
	6				Hills Ford Three Shires Stage Rally	Woodpecker Stages Incl. MSA English	Robin Jager MSA
	12			R8 Lydden Hill NB The event is on Saturday			Robin Alexander Camel Vale
	13	Hartlepool & DCC	Gaby Mohr Memorial Bridgnorth				David Ayres Launceston NC
	19						
	20						Peter Fear Ross & District
	26						
	27	BTRDA Wrexham	Devizes & DMC Kemble	Ernest Owen Memorial Burton upon Trent	Ford Parts Cheviot Stages Rally	Trackrod Forest Stages Incl. MSA English	Charles Pollard Peterborough MC
	3						
Oct	4		Clwyd Vale MC				John Southern NPTCC



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December 2019

	Autotest	AutoSOLO	Car Trials	Rallycross	Rally – Asphalt	Rally - Forest	Sporting Trials
Oct	10						
	11		Grand Final See website to confirm Date and venue				
	17						Training Day Long Compton
	18			R9 Knockhill Circuit		Wydean Rally MSA English only	Mercian Trial Midland TCC
	24						
Nov	25						
	31						
	1	Knutsford & DMC Booths Hall					
	7						Tulleys Farm Kentish Border
	8						Roy Fedden Bristol MC
	14						
	15						Loughborough Loughborough CC
	21						
	22						
	28						
Dec	29						
	5						
	6					Grizedale Stages MSA English Reserve Event	Gloster MSA
	12/113						
	19/20						
	26/27						

Note: Blue wording = Provisional Dates



SPECIAL AWARDS 2018 WINNERS

The Stross Rally Trophy

Matt Edwards

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

The Jack Twyford Trophy

Matt Edwards

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

The John Gott Memorial Trophy

Peter Wood

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

The Patricia Baldwin Trophy

Pat Egger

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

The Automobile Club de Monaco Trophy

Ernie Graham

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

HONORARY MEMBERS FOR LIFE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Gold Star® Champions 2018

Allrounders

Asphalt Rally Driver

Asphalt Rally Co-Driver

Autotest

Car Trial

Forest Rally Driver

Forest Rally Co-Driver

Rallycross

Sporting Trial

Jamie Yapp

Jason Pritchard

Phil Clarke

Malcolm Livingston

Mark Hoppé

Matt Edwards

Darren Garrod

Luke Constantine

Roland Uglow

AutoSolo Championship

Neil Jones



**Leading Allrounder John Fox
At Prescott Hill Climb**