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President's Notes

Welcome to Jenny and Caleb, our new News Editors. We have been fortunate to have recruited two enthusiastic students from the University of Central Lancashire who are currently studying Sports Journalism. I have had my instructions – no more than 500 words and if possible, a couple of photos, one of which should be of me to remind everyone what I look like and the other from the days when I was competing, so I have chosen a photo of Russell Brookes and myself on the 1985 International Manx Rally, which we won and became the 1985 British Rally Champions.

Motorsport UK have recently moved their HQ from Slough to a newly built premises at Bicester Heritage. They are planning a wall frieze around the whole of the ground floor to cover the history of British Motorsport over the past 100 years, and I am delighted to confirm that we have been recognised in the timeline for 1938 when we were founded as “British Trial Drivers Association”. We added the words “and Rally” into the title in the 1950s.

As well as being President of BTRDA, I have the honour of sitting on the FIA Rallies Commission on behalf of Motorsport UK. The FIA Rallies Department have published a really interesting brochure of the new FIA Rally Pyramid which features all the currently homologated cars that can be used for National and International rallies and it includes the categories they can be used in.

For more information look at <https://www.fia.com/>

Our online AGM on February 3rd went quite well I think, although I wish I had remembered to take a note of who was on the call as I only found out later that Steve Gregg, who, for many very successful years, was our Rally Championship coordinator, had joined us from his home in Melbourne Australia. He obviously couldn't sleep as it was about 0530hrs his time! We have been in touch since the meeting and it is super to hear that he is keeping in touch from the other side of the world.

Motorsport in the UK is just about to re start and Motorsport UK are issuing permits again. We had a taste of running some championship events under Covid regulations at the end of last year, so I am confident that when we get the full green light most of our series will be able to get up and running quickly. Rallying may take a little longer, but it does look as though we shall be competing again on events from July onwards, fingers crossed.

I very much look forward to seeing you on an event sometime soon as I am looking forward to escaping my hibernation. Stay safe.

Mike Broad

B.T.D.A. “STAR” RALLIES

As the “Cat's Eyes” Rally of the Thames Estuary A.C. is being included in the B.T.D.A.'s Gold Star Rally Competition for 1956, the events eligible are now as follows: “Cat's Eyes” Rally; R.A.C. British Rally; Morecambe Rally; Birmingham Post Rally; London Rally; Rally of the Dams; Circuit of Ireland Rally; Plymouth Presidential Rally; M.C.C. Rally. There will be no disqualification now for drivers of works cars in this contest.

No less than 18 events are eligible for the B.T.D.A. Silver Star Rally contest: these are C.U.A.C. Miniature Monte; Y.S.C.C. Yorkshire Rally; Bolton-le-Moors Rally; North Wales Rally; Ilfracombe Rally; Torquay and Torbay Rally; Welsh Counties Rally; M.C.C. Whitsun Rally; B.A.R.C. Scarborough Rally; M. and M.K. Margate Rally; Furness Festival Rally; Brighton Rally; Clacton Rally; Lakeland Rally; M.G. Centre Rally; Buxton Rally; M.G. Weston Rally and L.A.C. Night Rally.



Mike Broad and Russell Brookes 1985
International Manx Rally
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Cutting from Autosport magazine

A list of rallies for the 1956 BTDA Gold and
Silver Star Rally Championships

Minutes of the 39th Annual General Meeting of The British Trial & Rally Drivers Association Ltd
Held on Wednesday 3rd February 2021 at 7.30 p.m. as a "Zoom" webinar
(74th AGM of the Association)

The Chair was taken by the President, Mike Broad, who welcomed the 35 members and their guests to the meeting. This was our first experience of running an Annual General Meeting as a virtual "Zoom" webinar and we were most grateful to Gemma Price for guiding us through this process.

1. Apologies for Absence:

Bernard Baker, Steve Courts, Janet & Phil Darbyshire, Barry Dutton, Simon Harris, Chris Judge, Barrie Parker and Helen & Stuart Perren.

2. To receive & approve the Minutes of the 38th AGM held on 2 February 2020.

The minutes of the 38th AGM were passed as a correct record of the meeting – proposed by Steve Layton and seconded by Mike Sones.

3. Treasurer's Report

Mike Broad reminded members that the accounting software had been updated and expressed his thanks to Mike Sones, Richard Yapp and in particular Tim Beard for their work in updating our systems.

Mike Sones was pleased to report that the provisional figures presented at our last AGM had been filed without requiring any changes and he commented on the updated software having made for a better system. Draft statements for the year ended 31 December 2020, with all the disruption that Coronavirus had brought to us, showed a commendable £1,900 loss.

The President explained that since the introduction of the first lockdown the Association and BTRDA Limited boards had held monthly joint meetings to keep an eye on expenditure and ensure that our championships could be maintained wherever practicable. Rally costs had been controlled and some revenues carried forward to 2021.

4. Election of Directors of The British Trial and Rally Drivers Association Ltd.

For the benefit of new members, the President explained that the Association board of directors looked after the general direction of the Association, its finances and contracts. The BTRDA Ltd board ran the championships in conjunction with Council.

There were no retirees from the board this year, but there was a vacancy for which we had received two nominations, one from Neil Cross, Chairman of the Rallies committee and the other from Ian Arden, a member of the same committee.

Gemma Price explained the voting system now needed to appoint one additional director. The results were 22 in favour of Ian Arden, 8 for Neil Cross and 3 recorded abstentions.

Mike Broad noted that our company secretary, Neil Mackay, would be in touch with Ian Arden to confirm his details in order that Companies House could be informed of the appointment.

5. Election of a Director of BTRDA Ltd.

Gemma Price was unanimously nominated for re-appointment as a Director of BTRDA Ltd. There were no other nominations.

6. Election of Council Members of BTRDA Ltd.

Steve Layton and Richard Yapp were unanimously nominated to be reappointed as Council Members of BTRDA Ltd. Bill Skermer has now retired after being unwell for some time. Mike Broad expressed a huge thank you to Bill for his many years of service, in particular to the Rallycross Championship Committee where with his wife Kath they have been a real driving force; they remain active on that committee. There were no new nominations.

7. Announcement of all Committee Chairmen and Committee Members.

Steve Layton, as Chair of BTRDA Ltd and Council, presented a slide listing the members of all our committees with thanks to all committee members and gave a brief resumé of all the championships. Steve also thanked all event organisers, competitors and sponsors for their efforts in carrying us through the year just ended. Whilst competitive events are once again on hold, provisional calendars are in place for 2021, including our new Targa Road Rally Championship.

8. Any Other Business

Mike Broad summarised the year with thanks to all directors for their time and attendance at the monthly Zoom meetings. Also our tremendously understanding and loyal sponsors who have stayed with us for 2021, some beyond for up to 3 years. Once again we turn to MSUK as we await the re-issuing of event permits and the consequent championship events.

Our News editor Pat Egger has now retired after 16 years, during which time she went above and beyond the call of duty. The President was delighted to announce that the Association wished to bestow upon Pat our Honorary Member for Life award. After much work by Nick and son Stuart Pollitt, Pat is being succeeded by Jennifer Wardle and Caleb Wind-Leonard, first and second year students respectively reading Sports Journalism at the University of Central Lancashire.

Mike Broad also reported that the MSUK Volunteer of the Year had been awarded to Council member Jordine Crooks for her Rallycross work – congratulations Jordine! Staying with Rallycross, Mike Sones advised that Cooper Tires were supporting the championship for 3 years.

Ian Arden thanked everyone who had voted for him and commiserated with Neil Cross.

Mike Broad gave the Targa Road Rally Championship another mention and this drew thanks from Alan Wakeman.

There being no other business, the President thanked members for their attendance and the meeting closed at 8.05 p.m.

BTRDA members feature at Motorsport UK's Night of Champions

Jordine Crooks – Motor Club Volunteer of the Year 2020

Jordine simply loved the first motorsport event she attended when she was a whole 3 days old! She was destined to be seriously involved in motorsport from then on. Thank goodness that both of her parents were Rallycross fanatics. She met her husband to be Todd, who along with his family, has always been a very serious Mini addict, throw the Minicross Drivers Association into the mix and there was an immediate marriage made in heaven. It is fitting therefore that it was the decision of the MDA to nominate Jordine for this prestigious award. The MDA committee, which of course she also sits on, have literally watched her grow, taking on a variety of responsibilities within the club committee and on the days that the MDA run Rallycross events at Blyton Racing Circuit predominantly for our BTRDA Championship.

In 2016 Jordine and Todd joined the BTRDA Clubman's Rallycross Committee, but time for them both was limited while they were busy studying at university.

Well thank goodness that Jordine's exam results were what she was aiming for as that ensured that she could take up a role as a practice nurse in a doctor's surgery. By 2019 she was perfectly happy to take on the role of our Championship Coordinator which she soon got in to.

By early 2020 with a sudden personal loss, the Autosport Show under her belt and an awards evening organised there was some caution creeping in to everyone's lives. It is safe to say that Jordine's nursing role was soon changed beyond recognition, she became even more crazily busy with NHS responsibilities in testing facilities and more recently vaccination facilities. Then came a plethora of potential and actual date alterations to be discussed with Championship Manager John Rook regarding a diminishing Championship calendar.

Three rounds eventually formed our 2020 Championship, Jordine, John, committee, drivers and organisers were totally delighted that all of the hoop jumping had actually paid off.

Little did Jordine know what a great surprise was in store for her in early 2021.

A well-deserved award indeed, Jordine finds herself delighted and shocked to be the 18th recipient of this fantastic award, a bottle of bubbly to help with the shock celebrations plus a welcome cash award were all delivered to Jordine along with her trophy just prior to the virtual awards presentation live on Motorsport UK's Facebook page on the evening of 21st February.

In the words of Motorsport UK, Jordine has been "one of the people who have helped keep motorsport alive through these unprecedented times".

BTRDA Clubman's Rallycross Committee



Jordine with her award ahead of the presentation evening
Credits: Todd Crooks

Gemma Price collects prestigious Motorsport UK 2020 award at Night of Champions on behalf of Bugatti Owners Club

BTRDA Director Gemma Price's full-time occupation is General Manager of Prescott Hill Climb and Club secretary of The Bugatti Owners Club who were awarded Club of the Year by Motorsport UK for perseverance and innovations which helped the club survive the financial impact of Covid-19.

A key innovation was working with BTRDA to host two test events in the summer, one for AutoSolo and one for Car Trials. Both proved a huge success as BTRDA brought their expertise to Prescott Hill and delivered the first AutoSolo and Car Trials ever hosted on the estate. Working with other organisations for the survival of our sport as a whole was something the selection panel applauded. Club Chairman Nick Upton joined Gemma on the virtual presentation.

BTRDA also organised their highly successful Car Trial Final at Prescott in October so it was great to be part of the Prescott 2020 story.



Gemma with Nick Upton during the presentation.

Watch the full presentation of awards here: <https://youtu.be/YqIJan-zZFU>



BTRDA Exclusive Interview with MSUK CEO Hugh Chambers

Interviewed and Written by
Jennifer Wardle

Motorsport UK CEO Hugh Chambers: “We must be the forefront of sustainability”

Since the move towards electric vehicles and away from internal combustion engines, sustainability in motorsports has been an important topic of conversation.

Motorsport UK CEO Hugh Chambers has said that motorsport needs to be at the forefront of the change and is confident about an alternate propulsion future in motorsports.

The introduction of electric and hybrid championships such as Formula E and British Touring Cars has proved to be an important and positive step forward in motorsport.

However, Chambers highlighted the possibility of resistance at grass root level to electric vehicles.

“I think whether it's electric vehicles or other forms of propulsion, I'm completely confident that motorsport over the next 10 years is going to reinvent itself in a completely post internal combustion engine format,” he said.

“You can't do motorsport for nothing; it is expensive, and I think most people sort of spend what they can afford to go as fast as they can.

“If you put another cost on that which a migration to electric vehicles would be, then inevitably there's a marketplace resistance because people don't want to swap like for like in terms of performance when it's going to cost a lot more money.”

The CEO also said that sustainability is not limited to the environment but also having more people finding motorsports and getting involved.

“Sustainability has got a number of facets to it and in its most global term, sustainability means the continued use of and the continued health of something,” he said.

“We need to make sure that there is a new, steady influx of young people coming into the sport replacing the cohorts that are getting older.

“There's a whole generation of kids who are not growing up with any real exposure to Motorsports.

“So, promotion of Motorsport, making it relevant to young people making it affordable, all of these things are really crucial to the sustainable future of motorsport.”



Hugh Chambers talking at Night of Champions Event.
Credits: Motorsport UK YouTube

A Piece of History

Sporting Trials

The British Trial and Rally Drivers Association's roots go back 82 years to its foundation in the 1930s, a formative decade for motorsport as we know it. We asked seasoned Sporting Trialist and BTRDA Director Julian Fack to tell us more about the organisation's rich history.

"In the 1930s trials was a big sport, there were very few racing circuits and hill climbs, but trials could run wherever there were some sloping byways and bridle paths. The sport was what we call Classic Trials today, road registered cars travelling from section to section on the public road, often starting and finishing at local pubs. Top cars were often factory supported, although no "professional" drivers were allowed, and big crowds came to watch.

In 1938 the RAC mandated that for the first time no "grip" tyres were to be used, which was a major change. Unfortunately, many organisers of events continued with their traditional sections.

This all came to a head at the Gloucester Trial in December when only two cars climbed any of the hills, which led to huge delays so much that some competitors finished as late as midnight, eight hours after dark!

Reports in the press were highly critical and Competitors including the inimitable Denis Flather decided to form a pressure group to try and control standards of the events, they called themselves the British Trial Drivers Association (BTDA).

Shortly after this the war intervened but motorsport reconvened in 1948 once some supplies of petrol became available after rationing.

BTDA set up a Trials Championship, which was not much different to today's calendar and as the 1950s progressed other sports joined in, rallies in particular so the moniker was changed to BTRDA. Denis Flather became President in 1959 serving in that position for over 25 years.

By the 1960s the organisation had expanded to much as it is today, with a large portfolio of sports included, such as Driving Tests (now Autotests), Production Car Trials (now Car Trials), Autocross, as well as Forest and Asphalt Rallies. Trials (now Sporting Trials) morphed into single venue events when road travel became impractical due to increased legislation such as seatbelts and windscreen washers."

Julian Fack



Going too far? Look at the tyres on these potent Allards from the 1930's



An Austin pictured on the 1938 Sunbac Colmore Trial, the first year of BTDA

Another Piece of History

John Gott

As we look back at the history of the BTRDA there are lots of interesting and prominent figures dotted throughout, such as the focus of this article: John Gott.

Richard Yapp, a member of the board of directors for BTRDA, was kind enough to submit to us correspondence about a Special Award from the Royal Automobile Club (now Motorsport UK).

This award was presented to Raymond Brooks, John Gott's co-driver for the 1958 Liège-Rome-Liège and was presented for finishing in the top 10 at this event.

At the time it was an achievement to even finish the Liège-Rome-Liège the toughness of the rally highlighted with only 13 of the 81 cars making it to the finishing line!

Looking back, Gott's first event as driver was the 1933 RAC Rally and from then on he did various hillclimbs, sprints and trials.

In 1947 he acquired an HRG and finished every Alpine Rally from 1948 to 1951, winning a Coupe des Alpes in 1951, he was also Captain of the BMC Works Rally Team in the 50's.

Gott joined the police force in 1937, and in wartime between 1942 and 1945 he was attached to Bomber Command.

He was awarded the George Medal for rescue work during an air raid, and the MBE for rescuing the crew of a blazing RAF plane.

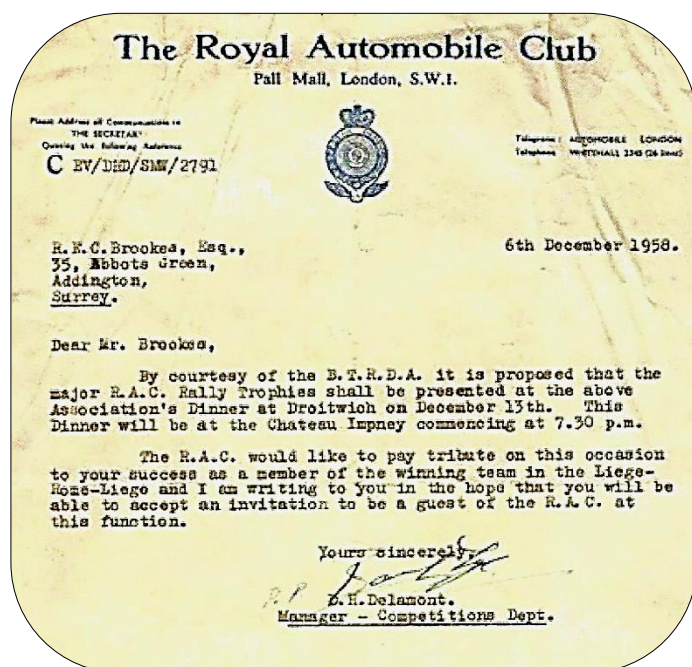
Following this, in 1960 Gott retired from competitive rallying and was appointed the Chief Constable of Northampton Constabulary, a position he held until his death.

It was around the 1960s that Gott became Chairman of the BTRDA and took up club motorsports in an ex-works Austin Healey (SMO 746), mostly sticking to circuit racing and only a few rallies.

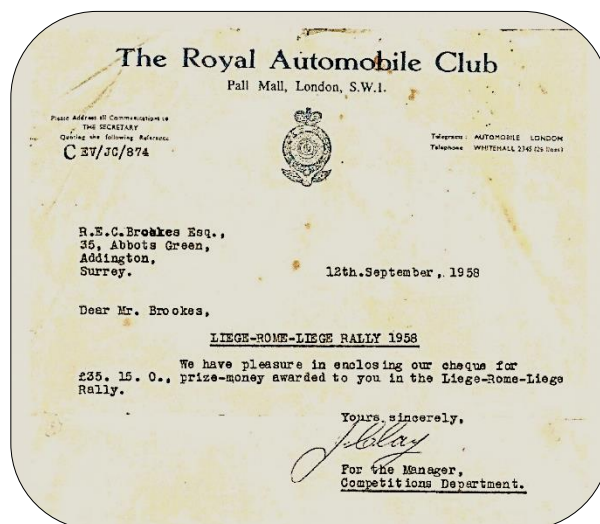
Unfortunately, John Gott passed away in 1972 at the wheel of SMO 746 in a racing accident at a 12-lap event at Lydden Hill in Kent.

Unearthed below are 2 letters from The RAC, one confirming the monetary award to Raymond Brookes and the other confirming BTRDA would be presenting the RAC award at their Dinner at The Chateau Impney.

Jennifer Wardle
With thanks to Richard Yapp
and Nick Pollitt



A letter to Ray Brooks inviting him to a awards presentation evening. Sourced by Richard Yapp.



A letter to Ray Brooks outlining the £35.15.0 prize money for Liège-Rome-Liège. Sourced by Richard Yapp.

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Autotest Championship

Testing Times

A new season, a new e-magazine, and a new title for the Autotest report, which in the future I hope will reflect our sport, but currently is more related to the difficulties we are all enduring. On that point I regret to report that, at the time of writing we have lost the first two rounds of our championship, Hagley and Hereford, due to the Covid restrictions, but like all other sports are hopeful that things will ease and that our Clubs will be able to run the majority of our Championship events, although there will inevitably need to be flexibility in regard to dates, as venues may need to be rescheduled. Currently the revised provisional calendar is as follows, however please note the new date for the W&SSCC event, which will now take place at their new venue of Sleighford Airfield:

April 17 th	Boundless by CSMA (North East London)
April 25 th	Rhyl & District MC
May 23 rd	Wolverhampton & South Staffs CC
June 6 th	Loughborough CC
June 20 th	Alwoodley MC
July 4 th	Knutsford & District MC
July 17 th (Sat)	South of Scotland Car Club
August 22 nd	Caernarfonshire & Anglesey MC
October 3 rd	BTRDA

Hopefully by the time of the next issue we will have news of who is out in what for the new season, but we expect to see some of the new acquisitions purchased in 2020 to come out to play. In the meantime, keep safe.

Steve Layton



Photos from left to right: Richard Pinkney, Lee Valentine, Mark Thornton.
Photos Courtesy of Fern Motorsport.

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Autotest Championship

From the Pits

Having started writing articles in the BTRDA News when I was Chairman of the Autotest committee back in the 1980's I've gradually moved from the chair to the front seat to the back seat to the pits. Not sure where the next place to write from will be! One place where I've been active in over the latest lockdown has been decorating the lounge/dining room. There was also a new carpet to be fitted (not by me!) which needed the trophy cabinet emptied and moved.

Now, some time ago a young lad of one of my wife's friend's was asked to count them up to keep him quiet. At 450 he was exhausted! So, wrapping them up into boxes made me think about awards in 2021.

What do competitors want? In the early days it was wooden plaques presented/sent post event with your name on it. Then came pewter tankards with half pints for class winners and pint versions for FTD's - the most prized ones. Then pewter was replaced by glass with less engraving which almost brings us up to date with excellent service from Crystal Images who sponsor the Allrounders championship and provide the brilliant spread at the annual wards Luncheons (when they happen!).

Of course, there have been the quirky exceptions like the CSMA autotest event run by Mike Biss where it was bottles of beer but with a label of last year's FTD winner in his car on it. I've still got your one, Chris Atkinson! Which talking of beer, bottles of wine have recently become popular where when the entry list is a bit iffy you can always pop down to the local supermarket to stock up on the day before the event. Where to in 2021? Your suggestions are welcome! Please contact me, Peter Cox.

Peter Cox

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2020 BTRDA® Autotest Championship Results – 23rd November 2020

<https://btrda.com/championship/autotest/news/2020-btrda-autotest-championship-final-results/>



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AutoSOLO Championship

It was this time last year we were just about to have the first round in the 2020 BTRDA AutoSOLO championship down at Kemble Airfield run by the Devizes & DMC on the 3rd March followed in two weeks' time down at Brooklands. A good job these two ran as that was it until the beginning of July that motorsport restarted after Lockdown 1. Those who scored on the first two events went on to score well at the end of the year. This year, who knows?

Once again Kemble could be the season opening venue for the Bath MC event on the 11th April. One complication for the 2021 season could have been StreetCar, a concept promoted by MSUK to attract new entries to events for this grass roots level of motorsport.

Many of the rounds were going to be the same as for the BTRDA AutoSOLO championship and down south this could have caused a level of conflict as all the events south of the Midlands in 2020 had a vastly oversubscribed entry. How were they going to cope with another potential 10 to 20 entrants?

There was also an initial concept that no club membership or license would be required, thankfully this was changed! Then, in mid-January, the idea was first delayed and then deferred until 2022 with a potential change in emphasis. The BTRDA AutoSOLO team will watch what happens with interest. Until then, there should be a good spread of events for the 2021 season.

Peter Cox

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The Best-Laid Plans...

While we await the go-ahead for a resumption of forest rallying, BTRDA Rallies Committee has put together calendars for both the MRF Tyres BTRDA Rally Series and Motorsport UK 2021 English Rally Championship in association with Seacon UK that encompass some of the best one-day events that the UK has to offer.

It goes without saying – but we will anyway! – that the whole situation is currently something of a moveable feast and is, necessarily, being monitored very closely. However, what is certain is that any vehicle complying with the 2021 Motorsport UK Technical Regulations will find a home in amongst the comprehensive array of classes and categories included in both the MRF Tyres and Seacon UK-sponsored Series.

Consistently the most popular Rally Championship on these shores, the BTRDA Series is entering its 68th consecutive year of 'Serious Fun' and, although we were unable to award them in 2020, we look forward to the commencement of the battle for the coveted BTRDA Gold (overall), Silver (two-wheel drive) & Bronze (1400) Stars.

2021 MRF Tyres BTRDA Rally Series:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>BASE</u>
19 th June	Kielder Stages	Hexham
10 th July	Nicky Grist Stages	Builth Wells
24 th July	Scottish Rally	Lockerbie
14 th August	Plains Rally	TBC
4 th September	Woodpecker Stages	Ludlow
25 th September	Trackrod Forest Stages	Filey
30 th October	Cambrian Rally	Llandudno
14 th November	Rallynuts Stages	Royal Welsh Showground
Best 5 Scores to Count * Provisional Date		

Motorsport UK 2021 English Rally Championship in association with Seacon UK:

19 th June	Kielder Rally	Hexham
10 th July	Nicky Grist Stages	Builth Wells
4 th September	Woodpecker Stages	Ludlow
25 th September	Trackrod Forest Stages	Filey
16 th October	Wyedean Forest Rally	Mitcheldean
4 th December	Grizedale Stages	Ambleside
Best 5 Scores to Count		

Further details of the MRF Tyres BTRDA Rally Series are available at: [www.btrda.co.uk](#) while information on the Motorsport UK 2021 English Rally Championship, in association with Seacon UK, can be found at: [www.motorsportuk.co.uk](#) Andrew Hail



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MRF Tyres BTRDA® Rally Series

Nicky Grist Stages to welcome eight major rally championships to Builth Wells on Saturday 10 July

“We have received a lot of very positive news in recent weeks,” says Neil Cross, Nicky Grist Stages Clerk of the Course.

“Firstly, the MOD confirmed that this year’s Nicky Grist Stages can run on the Epynt military range on Saturday 10 July, and we have agreed a route with them that sees the very popular Monument stage included in the 2021 itinerary. Secondly, we have been given full Welsh Historic Rally Championship status, meaning that we’ll host a round of eight major championships, and thirdly we have agreed a fantastic all-classes tyre incentive with Cooper Tires, that will see prizes awarded to successful crews using Cooper Rally forest gravel tyres.

“It’s all looking extremely promising and we’re pressing full speed ahead with our planning in anticipation of central and devolved government Covid-19 guidelines allowing us to run a safe and Covid-19 complaint event.

“We’d also like to thank all the local residents and business owners, together with Builth Wells Town Council and Powys Country Council, for their continued support in helping to ensure a safe and successful event in 2021.”

“I am sure that, like me, you are all delighted to hear positive news about rallying that is hitting social media about this summer’s Nicky Grist Stages,” says Nicky Grist.

“For such a long time we have seriously missed our fix of adrenalin when it comes to rally cars competing in a forest, but it is not far away now!

“The organising team of the Nicky Grist Stages are full steam ahead in organising the 2021 edition of the event. Clerk of the Course Neil Cross is putting together an exciting route, with the breaking news that the Monument stage will replace Route 60, as the road repairs there have not gone to plan and they are nowhere near good enough for it to be used this year. This means that we will still have four classic forest stages for you all to let your talents flow, and I look forward to seeing you all in July.”

“We are very excited to welcome the Nicky Grist Stages back to Builth Wells this year,” added Gwyn Davies, Mayor of Builth Wells.

“When the event last ran in 2019, it brought a lot of trade into the town centre, and after all the Covid-19 restrictions it will be an event the local businesses and people will appreciate even more than ever.

“Hopefully, come July, all the accommodation, cafes, pubs, restaurants and shops will be fully open, and both the rally and the town will once again benefit from Builth Wells hosting such a prestigious event.”

The 2021 Nicky Grist Stages event regulations will be published on nickygriststages.co.uk in mid-May.

Paul Evans

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BTRDA® Car Trials Championship

Low Down Torque

A warm welcome to the 2021 Car Trials Championship and a big thank you to the 16 members already subscribed in anticipation of our qualifying rounds being permitted to get under way.

At the time of writing, the season looks as though it may well suffer a delay but hopefully not to the extent that it did last year. Our calendar of events remains a little hazy, with some clubs not ready to commit, but rest assured you will be contacted by email as soon as we have something positive to report and the calendar at btrda.com/about-car-trials/ will be updated as soon as news reaches us.

Despite this, we are delighted to bring to you the first in a series of articles about the Moffatt family, chosen for their well-known successes in BTRDA and other circles and of course the family from whom our reigning champion is proud to belong. Having recently spoken with Bill, he modestly confirmed that the interest and resultant talent in driving stemmed from him and it became clear to me that his aptitude for driving was of the highest order, as you will read.

Keep safe and well and we look forward to returning to the hills just as soon as we can.

Neil Mackay

STOP PRESS

Falcon Motor Club have confirmed the running of the Ivinghoe Trial on 18th April, getting our 2021 championship under way. This event is likely to be over-subscribed.

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Trevor Moffat is Announced as the Gold Star Winner – 26th October 2020

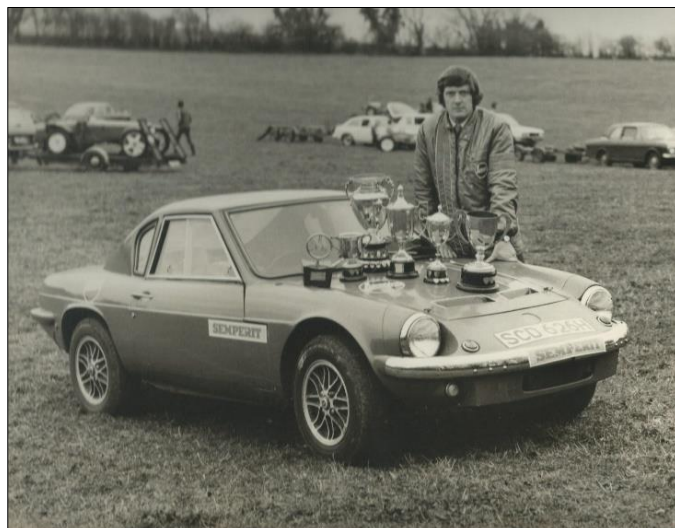
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BTRDA® Car Trials Championship

The Moffatt Trialling DNA, part 1

From time to time, and from one generation to another, we come across BTRDA member families in which it is evident that exceptional driving skills are passed down the family line. We need look no further than the Moffatt family, and in a series of articles we will be looking behind the names. For those new to the BTRDA, the Moffatt name is synonymous with motor cars and motor sport, not least of which in Trials by way of PCT's (now Car Trials) and Classic Reliability Trials, Autotests and Rallying.



We're going to set the scene with a resumé of William ("Bill") Moffatt, now in his 80's. Bill achieved the world's highest driving award of its time in his early 20's, being one of only a dozen or so to receive a CAMDA (Car and

Motorcycle Driving Association) Gold Star (a multi-discipline driving test). Indeed, at the age of 21 he was a qualified driving instructor. Bill came to BTRDA prominence both sides of his 30th birthday when he achieved the enviable record of a hat-trick of PCT Gold Star championship wins in 1970-1972 in a very well-prepared and clearly expertly driven Hillman Imp.

Now well entrenched in the BTRDA, in 1973 Bill kindly gave a trophy to the Association for the annual winner of the rear-wheel-drive class and to his embarrassment promptly went on to be its first winner. Fair consolation for not quite winning another Gold Star that year! Not to be outdone, a year later the beautiful Ginetta G15 (needless to say, Imp-engined) became Bill's car of choice in which he did secure another Gold Star PCT win and then 22 busy years later Bill and Hillman Imp were once again reunited for another PCT championship win.

Eldest son, and reigning BTRDA Car Trials Gold Star Champion, Trevor takes up the story of his father's journey since arriving from Ireland in 1961, initially settling in Cheltenham:

"He soon gained employment at ICI Fibres as a machine operator. He also trained as a driving instructor and qualified at the age of 21. He wanted to do rallying and did a few small rallies. His first trial was in 1966 at Stroud. He turned up in his road-going Imp and upon arriving at the event had to ask what he had to do, having never driven on one before. He won the event overall causing regulars to question his car's diff. (He trickled it everywhere when everyone else was burning it). Dad jacked the car up to show them the free wheel spinning to shut them up. In 1969 he joined the BTRDA and started to compete and was runner-up that year. The next year he applied to be part of Team Castrol and was accepted. That's when he got his triple double. He lost out to Mike Hinde in 1973 who was in a Clan so dad went and bought the G15 to compete with him and regained his title.

He retired from motorsport in 1976 to renovate Hill Cottage. The G15 was sold to help fund the purchase. He came back out during the mid to late 1980's to compete in a few events with my sister Hazel but did not win any championships. In 1980 he left ICI and set up as a self-employed car mechanic. He returned to trials again in the 1990's after buying a Clan off Mike Hinde and won another championship. In 1995 he became a cash van security guard until he retired at 65. He was widowed in 1997 when our mum died of Cancer.

Since his retirement he has been driving part-time for a local company and has only recently fully retired. His other hobby has been walking. He has travelled the world doing Everest base camp twice, Hadrian's Wall and Kilimanjaro with his partner Jean. He mainly does small walking breaks in Cornwall and Dorset now. He has a small collection of cars having sold the Troll and Clan to Alastair. He still owns a MK1 Ford Escort rally car, Mike Harrison's old MG Midget, Mike Stephen's old red Scimitar SS1 and an Imp that I have first refusal on. We usually end up buying his old cars. His dream car is an MGA. His recent trialling has been Classic Trials, competing in the Land End, Exeter and Edinburgh events, picking up a Triple Award for cleaning all hills in all 3 events in the same year (using the SS1). He has also done 'Le Jog' in the MG Midget."

...to be continued, when we will learn about Trevor, Hazel, Alastair and John.

Neil Mackay

BTRDA Targa Road Rally Championship

Light at the end of the tunnel! We should be out competing again soon.

In many respects, it was expected that Covid would have an impact well in to 2021. The Championship was therefore crafted to start in May, but pure guess work. Hopefully, we'll make that date - no Championship events in May and beyond have been postponed or cancelled to date. All those registered for the Targa Championship will be kept up to date.

So the newest BTRDA® Championship and now up to 20 registrations without having the first round in site! Good take up so far, many more have shown an interest in joining in the serious fun once events are confirmed.

There's an eclectic mix of Contenders – some well-known names ready to sample a new discipline and also gain Allrounders points. There are also some who are new to BTRDA, including many young Contenders, ready to take part in a wide geographically spread Targa Championship and also potentially sample other disciplines.

Contenders will be attracted to the low number of events to qualify for awards, plus points for Marshaling to help events run. The low number of events to count also considers budgets, travel and available time, providing some choice over events.

Don't forget that the BTRDA Targa Championship can open more opportunities than just being part of the fastest growing Motorsport discipline in the UK. Targas are also a discipline included in the Allrounders Championship. Come out and play on other disciplines as well.

Standard cars can be used on many Targa Championship events, meaning low-cost Motorsport and access to other disciplines.

Also don't forget that there are Under 25 awards in the Targa Championship and membership is free for the first year for Under 25s, spread the word!

In closing, I'll pass on one major tip – be on-line when entries open. Most Targas are filling within 10 to 15 minutes of entries opening. Register for the Championship and you'll be kept up to date with event entry times and dates, so you don't miss out.

Alan Wakeman



**Alan Wakeman at the 2019 Rushmoor Targa Rally
Photo Courtesy of M&H Photography**

BTRDA Targa Road Rally Championship

Provisional Targa Road Rally Championship events:

1. 3rd May, 061 Targa
2. 9th May, Bath MC Kemble Targa
3. 15th May, Mid Derbyshire Twyford Targa
4. 8th August, Ross & District MSL Hatsford Targa
5. 22nd August Forresters Venta Silurum Targa
6. 5th September, North Devon Ilfracombe Targa
7. 5th September, West Suffolk Debden Targa
8. 24th October, Caernarvonshire & Anglesey Trac
9. 31st October, Chelmsford Bonfire Targa
10. 28th November Knutsford and District Targa

For more information, visit:

Targa: <https://btrda.com/championship/targa-road-rallies/>

Allrounders: <https://btrda.com/championship/allrounders/>

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THE 2021 TARGA ROAD RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP REGS AND A HELPFUL FILE ON FAQs
<https://btrda.com/championship/targa-road-rallies/news/the-2021-targa-road-rally-championship-and-a-helpful-file-on-faqs/>



**Car 45 at the 2020 Hatsford Targa Rally
Photo Courtesy of Andy Manston**

BTRDA® Allrounders Championship Supported by Crystal Images

The Allrounders championship year doesn't end until the 31st December so this News is the first chance to congratulate the 2020 award winners for this Crystal Images sponsored championship. The overall champion, Gold Star winner and having his name once again added to the Peter Cooper Trophy is John Fox who scored points at AutoSOLO, Autotest and Speed events. John has been in the top 2 for the last 7 years with 2020 making it Gold Star number 4. In a season with much reduced events availability the only other trophy winner is Richard Yapp who takes the Darbyshire Trophy for runner up. Richard only just managed that after travelling from his Staffordshire home to Dorset to get his final group event score at a Car Trial. Richard's son Jamie often shares the car and, as is the trend these days, nearly always beats his dad. Jamie stood a chance to take the top spot for a third time to complete his 6 scores but stayed at home with his young family and only had 5 scoring events. Looking at the history of the championship only 13 drivers have won the title in its 46 years of running. And I must admit having known every one of them! Myself included? no, I was only runner up back in 1976 when it was the last time there were only 2 award winners.

I've taken over writing these Allrounders notes from a stalwart of the championship, Phil Darbyshire, who was the one who beat me to the title in 1976. Phil has always been keen to keep the idea of using a single car for the championship, no less so than in 1996 and 1998 when the Maestro challenge car, and daily driver, was used to win the Davijohn trophy for the top scorer using just one car. Very many thanks to your contributions over the very many years of your involvement.

Peter Cox

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2020 BTRDA® ALLROUNDERS CHAMPIONSHIP – 9th January 2021

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2020 Overall Champion, Gold Star Winner: John Fox
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FINAL RESULTS as at 31st DECEMBER, 2020

	Name	Score	Group	Score	Group	Score	Group	Score	Group	Score	Group	Score	Group	TOTAL
	John Fox	10	A	16.36	G	15	G	18.46	H	16.67	H	17.14	H	93.63
	Richard Yapp	3.64	B	14.55	G	10	G	2.35	H	11.76	H	11.43	H	53.73
	Jamie Yapp	16.36	G	15.00	G	19.05	H	18.82	H	18.57	H			87.80
	John Wadsworth	11.11	B	13.33	B	16.67	G	15.56	G					56.67
	Bob Milligan	16.92	H	18.82	H	17.14	H							52.88
	Garry Preston	15.56	B	18.75	B	16.47	B							50.78
	Alan Wakeman	15.38	H	13.33	H	18.18	H							46.89
	Tony Lynch	12.50	E	12.00	E	13.33	E							37.83
U25	Fred Ling	18.46	G	13.33	E	5	E							36.79
	David Mosey	13.33	A	11.43	A	11.43	A							36.19
	Nick Pollitt	15.56	B	15.56	B									31.12
U25	Todd Crooks	10.00	E	8.00	E	10	E							28.00
	Brian Ashley	10.77	G	15.00	G									25.77
	Alastair Moffatt	6.67	B	17.78	B									24.45
	Dave Walker	6.67	B	8.89	B	8	B							23.56
	John Moffatt	18.33	A											18.33
	Richard Egger	13.85	G											13.85
	Phil Darbyshire	2.22	B	2.22	B	2.50	G	2.86	G					9.80
	Stuart Perren	8.89	A											8.89
	Ben Amos	3.33	H											3.33
	James Nicholls													
	David Allman													
	Pat Egger													
	Duncan Wild													
	6 scores to count from at least 3 Groups. Max 3 from all Groups EXCEPT G (Speed) with Max 2 to count													
	Group A Autotest													
	Group B Car Trial													
	Group C Forest Rally	2020 CHAMPIONSHIP CANCELLED												
	Group D Asphalt Rally	2020 CHAMPIONSHIP CANCELLED												
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	Group G Speed													
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BTRDA® Sporting Trials Championship

It is looking very positive for an April start to the trialling calendar. We have purposely spread out this year's events, which enables us to move some of the earlier events affected by the lockdown restrictions to later in the year, the 750 clubs Walsingham event was planned for Sunday 7th March, it has already been moved to Sunday 10th October.

The Gold and Silver Star final of the 2020 season was planned for mid-January, the decision has been taken to piggyback the event onto the popular Pennine Trial on 30th May. Martin Grimwood will be the clerk of course, and the well organised NPTCC will help with the administration. It is a great compromise, hopefully by then travel restrictions will have eased which will enable the Irish competitors to attend and those travelling from further afield.

There are many positives to the season ahead, the trials and tribulations of the diffs we use, is becoming a distant memory, we have a good supply of the current tyre choice, cars have changed hands and several new drivers are planning to come out of the woodwork. There is a groundswell of pent-up enthusiasm behind the scenes, which will benefit the sport greatly once we are all allowed to compete again.

If you're reading this and new to the sport or would like to come along to an event, then a great one to attend is held by MAC Midland Automobile Club on Sunday April 25th at Shelsey Walsh hill climb.

Information on the training day and upcoming events in the calendar can be found at www.BTRDA.com/championship/sporting-trials/ or the Facebook page "BTRDA Sporting Trials Championship".

If you would like to have a go and get involved, just do it, we are a friendly helpful bunch!

Stuart Beare – Chairman Sporting Trials

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Gloucester Sporting Trial – 6th December 2020

<https://btrda.com/championship/sporting-trials/event/gloucester-sporting-trial/>

Clear Round Newsletter – 28th December 2020

<https://btrda.com/championship/sporting-trials/news/clear-round-newsletter/>



Protyre Motorsport UK Asphalt



Rally Championship



Revised 2021 Protyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship calendar very close to being finalised

The Protyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship is very close to finalising its revised 2021 calendar, which will feature some of the very best sealed-surface events in the UK, and with the majority of rallies held on closed public roads.

What has been confirmed is that the Hills Ford Three Shires Stages Rally, organised by Cheltenham Motor Club, will run as originally planned, over closed public roads in Gloucestershire, Herefordshire and Worcestershire, on Sunday 5 September.

The PokerStars Rally will be a double-header event, with Championship points awarded at the end of day one (Friday 1 October) and day two (Saturday 2 October). Organised by Manx Auto Sport, the reserve event replaces May's cancelled Manx National Rally.

The Ford Parts Cheviot Stages Rally, organised by Whickham & District Motor Club and Hadrian Motor Sports Club and held on the famous Otterburn military range in Northumberland, will take place as originally scheduled on Sunday 24 October.

The MJE Wheel Repair Specialists Tyrone Stages Rally will follow in Northern Ireland. Originally scheduled to run in July, the Cookstown Motor Club organised event will now take place on Saturday 6 November.

The revised Championship calendar was set to restart with the rescheduled Legend Fires Tour of Epynt, but other unforeseen circumstances has left Port Talbot Motor Club still looking for a suitable date in 2021.

This means that the Protyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship is unable to announce the full revised 2021 calendar – but it hopes to within the coming weeks. And it's targeting an exciting six round series, with the best five scores to count, with the first event ideally held before the Hills Ford Three Shires Stages Rally.



Car 2 - Jason Pritchard/Phil Clarke (NRG Ford Focus RS WRC05) - 2018 and 2019 champions



Car 81 - Mike Pugsley/Marc Chatworthy (Ford Escort Mk1) - 2019 class B12 champions



Car 66 - Geoff Glover (RWD Vauxhall Astra) - he's contested over 100 Asphalt Championship rallies in this car



Car 77 - Will Mains (Vauxhall Nova) - 2019 1400cc champion



Car 2 - Damian Cole (Get Connected Ford Focus RS WRC05) - six time Asphalt champion



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OnThePaceNote will offer junior competitors in the 2021 Protyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship an array of incentives and awards – the top one being a free test in a Hyundai i20 R5 rally car going to the best placed junior driver at the end of the season.

Mintex will offer a fantastic event-by-event award for the best improvement on seeding, plus a draw at the end of the season to for an Under 25 driver to win a cheque for £500.

The Hendy Ford Performance Trophy, plus a voucher for £100 redeemable at Hendy Ford Motorsport, will be presented to the driver of the highest placed registered two-wheel drive naturally aspirated Ford, in the overall points table at the end of the season.

The winning driver in the new Ford Escort Challenge will receive a custom made and fitted stainless steel exhaust system courtesy of Scott Williams Motorsport, while the winning co-driver will receive a voucher worth £100 from Nicky Grist Motorsports.

The series will also continue to have a dedicated press officer and photographer, and all rounds will be filmed and streamed live by Special Stage TV – in a continuation of a service that has received in excess of one million views (2018-19 season figures combined).

Competitors who registered for the Protyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship in 2020 will have their registration fee rolled over for the 2021 season.

So there is a bright light at the end of the tunnel – with a full Protyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship, brimming with challenging events and brilliant stages, befitting Britain's premier sealed-surface series, just a few months away!

Paul Evans

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New summer date planned for the Legend Fires Tour of Epynt – 4th February 2021

<https://asphaltrallying.com/2021/02/04/new-summer-date-planned-for-the-legend-fires-tour-of-epynt/>

PokerStars replaces Manx National Rally on 2021 Protyre Asphalt calendar

<https://asphaltrallying.com/2021/01/25/pokerstars-replaces-manx-national-rally-on-2021-protire-asphalt-calendar/>



Autosport International BTRDA Clubman's Rallycross Championship

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The Championship Managers overview:

As this is written who knows what is in store for the 2021 BTRDA Rallycross Championship especially as the planned February test day in February and Round 1 on March 28th have already been cancelled. I do write this though with the highest confidence that we will get more rounds than in 2020 and following both government and Motorsport UK announcements we will start the season at Lydden Hill on Saturday 8th May. The Championship in conjunction with the MDA is highly likely to utilise the Rallycross event at Blyton on October 3rd at Blyton as Round 5 of the Championship.

Interest in the 2021 Championship is extremely high with 50 drivers already registered for the championship of which 60% of them did not race with us in 2020, which is truly amazing!

The 2020 BTRDA Champion Dale Ford has confirmed his intentions to defend the title at the wheel of his Production spec Citroen Saxo VTS.

There is a whole host of new drivers, new cars, and a new category (Modified) that could make the 2021 season the 'best' yet.

Some of the noticeable new registrations come from; 2018 Production 4x4 Champion Dan Beattie making his return, Andy Knowles in his Super 1600 spec Citroen C2 and 2020 Super Modified A Final winner at Blyton, Jason Bleasdale in his Vauxhall VX220 now sporting a brand-new sequential gearbox.

The Clubman 4x4 class could see a healthy grid of cars as 3 BMW Mini Countryman 4x4 spec cars are set to join the championship in the hands of: David Bell, Martin Hawkes and Bradley Turner. They should be joined by Subaru drivers Kevin McCann, Nigel Burke and Nissan Pulsar driver Graeme Reid.

Round 1 - 8th May 21, Lydden Hill
Round 2 - 27th June 21, Blyton
Round 3 - 7th August 21, Pembrey
Round 4 - 8th August 21, Pembrey
Round 5 - 3rd October 21, Blyton **
Round 6 - 24th October 21, Knockhill
** pending committee approval

John Rook

2021 CALENDAR

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Knockhill Racing Circuit – 25th October 2020

<https://clubmansrallycross.weebly.com/r3-final-october-25th-knockhill.html>

Blyton Park Circuit – 28th March 2021

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2021 BTRDA Rallycross Championship Update

Following on from the recent UK Government and subsequent Motorsport UK announcements confirming that Motorsport can resume in the UK from Monday 29th March, the BTRDA Rallycross Championship have therefore been forced to issue a revised calendar.

The new guidance unfortunately means that the event planned for Round 1 on Sunday 28th March at Blyton can no longer take place. The good news is that in conjunction with the MDA (Minicross Drivers Association), the BTRDA have been able to utilise Sunday 3rd October at Blyton as a replacement event.

This means that the 2021 calendar remains at 6 rounds and will now commence at the 'Home of Rallycross', Lydden Hill, on Saturday 8th May.

The Full calendar can be found below:

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|-----------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| ➤ Round 1 | Saturday 8th May | Lydden Hill, Kent |
| ➤ Round 2 | Sunday 27th June | Blyton Circuit, Lincolnshire |
| ➤ Round 3 | Saturday 7th August | Pembrey Circuit, South Wales |
| ➤ Round 4 | Sunday 8th August | Pembrey Circuit, South Wales |
| ➤ Round 5 | Sunday 3rd October | Blyton Circuit, Lincolnshire |
| ➤ Round 6 | Sunday 24th October | Knockhill Race Circuit, Scotland |

The BTRDA Rallycross Championship are extremely pleased to have a 6 round calendar and to start the season at Lydden Hill gives the ever-growing championship another huge boost. Current registrations top 50 drivers, of which 60% of them did not race in the Championship in 2020, it's going to be an epic season.

Cooper Tires

In line with previous announcements and the 2021 Championship Regulations, all drivers in Production 4x4, Production and Juniors are reminded that the Cooper RS3-R Tire becomes mandatory and therefore must be utilised from Round 4, which is Pembrey on Sunday August 8th.

Log Books/Technical Passports

Motorsport UK have made the decision to extend the current expiry of log books dated before 31/12/2016, until 31/12/2021. This means any cars which currently have a log book dated before 31/12/2016, do not need to obtain a vehicle passport for the start of the season. This is due to Covid-19 restrictions meaning that Motorsport UK scrutineers are very limited in the work that they can complete – this restricts their ability to inspect vehicles and therefore issue new technical passports. Drivers are reminded that this extension has only been permitted due to Covid-19 restrictions and that this regulation change has been in the Motorsport UK Yearbook for several years now. These logbooks will therefore expire on 31/12/2021 and must be replaced with a technical passport.

BTRDA Rallycross Championship committee



Autosport International BTRDA Clubman's Rallycross

Results from 2020 Championship

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Production 4X4 Category

Champion: Bradley Sampson – The Bill Skermer Trophy

2nd – Paul Davis

3rd – Christopher Baker

Best Newcomer Award: Tom Ovenden

BTRDA Star of the Future: Tom Ovenden

Best Presented Car: Leigh-Anne Sedgwick

The Lady of Rallycross: Leigh-Anne Sedgwick

The Best Event: Minicross Drivers Association

Blyton Park Circuit 4th October

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The Autosport International BTRDA Clubman's Rallycross Championship

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Cooper Tires Update

Dear competitor,

We hope you are safe and well and on behalf of the BTRDA Rallycross committee we would like to thank you for your support during the 2020 season. Despite the challenging circumstances we have managed to put together and conclude a 3 round Championship, for which we are extremely proud.

Looking ahead to the future we wanted to give you an update on the 'Cooper Tires' agreement which was first agreed for the 2020 season and announced earlier this year. Please see below some important updates regarding our championship and the future Cooper Tires agreement:

1. Firstly, we are extremely pleased to confirm that the BTRDA Rallycross Championship has concluded a deal with Cooper Tires Europe that a 1 year extension has been agreed, meaning that Cooper Tires will continue to support the Championship until the end of 2023 season. This is an amazing partnership for which we have worked hard for and ensures the continued stability and success of the Championship.
2. In line with technical regulations 5.5.10 (Production 4x4 and Production) we want to 'confirm' that the 'Cooper Tire' RS3-R will be mandatory for all competitors in these categories FROM round 4 onwards in 2021. To clarify the Cooper Tire RS3-R MUST be used on all competing vehicles in Production and Production 4x4 from round 4 onwards (*Based on a 7-round calendar*).
3. In line with technical regulations 11.4 (Juniors) we want to 'confirm' that the 'Cooper Tire' RS3-R will be mandatory for all competitors in this category FROM round 4 onwards in 2021. To clarify the Cooper Tire RS3-R MUST be used on all competing vehicles in Juniors from round 4 onwards (*Based on a 7-round calendar*).
4. In the newly proposed 'Modified Category' (*New for 2021*), tyres will remain free (*Road legal Track Tyres*) in 2021 and then will adopt the mandatory Cooper Tire RS3-R from 2022 onwards
5. In the following 3 categories; Clubman 4x4, Super Modified and Classic, tyre choice will remain free for the duration of the agreement until the end of the 2023 season.

All Cooper Tire products can be bought directly from Waltham Services at:

<https://www.walthamservicesgroup.com/>

Thank you for your continued support and here is to another successful season in 2021



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 some 50 years, initially as a Production Car Trial committee member and many times PCT Champion. He was Secretary of the Rallies Committee during a period of great development in road and stage championships and he became BTRDA Chairman in 1982. He then took on the demanding role of General Secretary in 1988 through until 2004. Hazel oversaw organising the AGM and Awards Presentation event from 1988 right through until 2013, between them Mike and Hazel's household performed the distribution of BTRDA News for some 30 years.

HOWARD WILCOCK: Howard joined the BTRDA Rally Committee in 1979 and has been involved with the BTRDA Rally Championships since 1987, firstly with the Clubman's 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 MSUK 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 MSUK 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!

PAT EGGER: Since the mid 1970's Pat has been an active competitor and organiser. Driving on Autotests, AutoSolos, Car Trials, Autocross events, and co-driving on gravel and asphalt rallies mainly with her husband Richard. In the autumn of 2004, she took over the collation and production of BTRDA News from Janet Darbyshire a role she continued for 16 years until her last edition, the Winter News 2020.





Gold Star Champions 2020

Allrounders – JOHN FOX

Autotest – MALCOLM LIVINGSTON

Car Trial – TREVOR MOFFATT

Rallycross – DALE FORD

AutoSOLO Champion – JAMIE YAPP

Presentation of 2020 BTRDA Awards

As you will be aware, for obvious reasons, it has been impossible to have the usual Annual Awards presentation for the 2020 Championships, with the notable exception of Rallycross, who held a successful virtual awards ceremony at the start of February. However, our 2020 winners have not been forgotten, as the Allrounders, AutoSOLO, Autotest and Car Trail Committees will be arranging for presentations of their glassware to take place as soon as Covid restrictions allow it to happen and at a suitable round of their Championship. So, please look out for more details on this when we are allowed back out to play.

A massive thank you to everyone who contributed to this edition of the magazine! Without your help and support we wouldn't be where we are today. So, Thank You!

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