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Garry Pearson/ Niall Burns
BTRDA Gold star Rally Champions 2021
(Credit: MJ Almond)

President's Notes

This time last year, the UK was in lockdown and the future was unknown as far as Motorsport was concerned.

Despite having to start the year late as lockdown was eased, and losing a few events along the way, all our Championships were able to run and we have a full set of Championship Awards to present to the winners in the coming months.

A really big “ thank you” must go to all the clubs and organisers of the events that made this possible.

We have had a fantastic response from members this year and all the series have been as competitive as ever. Our sponsors have stuck with us and have pledged support into 2022 which means we can look forward to a more settled year.

Can I remind you all that we shall be having our AGM on Wednesday 26 January at 7.30pm by Zoom, and we look forward to virtually seeing you then.

The application form for the Awards Luncheon at the Prescott Hillclimb on Sunday 30 January can be found on the BTRDA website, go to Information then Bulletins for more details.

Please book your places as soon as possible as we have limited numbers and anticipate a good turnout.

2022 is upon us and our Championships are ready to, or have already announced their Championship dates. The Mr Tyre Targa Rally Championship has had a really good first year and I must thank Alan Wakeman and his committee for all their efforts and I am sure that 2022 will be even more successful.

The Protyre Asphalt Championship is being revamped under Darren Spann's management , complete with new logos, and the calendar looks excellent and I am so pleased to see the Border Counties Rally back in the MRF Forest Championship as I believe it will be using the stages in the Tweed Valley which are some of my favourite stages in the UK.

All in all, the future looks bright. May I wish you all a safe and prosperous New Year.

Mike Broad.

A Message from the Editor

Hello everyone, Jenny here, the editor of the News since Pat retired from the role at the end of 2020.

I just wanted to put a short note in this edition to thank everyone and make you all aware of how the News has been run this year and will continue to run next year.

Firstly, at the begining of this year, we decided that the News would become the E-News indefinitely except for the December Edition which would be printed. This means that if you are a 2020/2021 member you should have been recieving the E-News through your emails as it was released. Please be aware that it may have been going into junk/spam folders so if you feel you should have been recieving these emails and haven't please check there. Also if you have missed any editions and would like to go back and read them they are all published at **btrda.com/magazines/**

If you have any comments or queries about the magazine feel free to email me: **Editors@btrda.com**

Secondly, I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of the championships and co-ordinators for (mostly!) being on time submitting reports, you have all being a massive help with making sure everything runs smoothly.

I would also like to thank Nick Pollitt for always making sure I have everything I need and supporting me through this year as well as Janet Darbyshire for always taking the time to read through the News and pick up on any errors I have missed.

Finally I would just like to thank everyone at the BTRDA for the help they have given me as well as all of you for taking the time to read the News!

Hopefully next year, I should be making my way around to some events so I hope to see you all there.

Have a wonderful New Year,

Jenny Wardle

John Wadsworth - 60 Years of Competition

As you may be aware we initially ran the first part of John Wadsworth's story back in May, but unfortunately, John passed away shortly before the second part was published. We have decided that for this special edition it is only right to share John's motorsport story in full as a celebration of the memories he created through the years and the lives that he made brighter along the way... These were John's words

John's interest in Motor Sport started when he was a child as his father started competing in the early 1930's and competed up to the late 1970's. His Uncle (J.F.A Clough) also called John—who was a founder member of the BTDA, also competed in Motor Sport in the 1930's and was even more successful than John's father however he only competed briefly after WW2 so John had a good knowledge of events and competing long before he could drive.

John's motorsport involvement started with the purchase of a well-used 105e Ford Anglia which promptly had the engine changed for a Ford Classic engine and new front struts, hubs and disc brakes fitted by Sidney Allard's Ford dealership in London which in effect made this car an Allardette. This was used for rallying all over the UK with little success for around 18 months and then an Austin Healey Sprite joined the stable. This car was used for hill climbs, sprints, and the occasional race meetings mainly in the North of England, including Oulton Park and a sprint meeting at Aintree in June 1959. However, his next car was a Mk1 TVR Grantura with an MGA engine which was also raced at various places including at Silverstone during the 6-hour Relay Race. However next to go was the Allardette and was replaced by a 997 Mini Cooper which he and Mike Wood competed on the 1962 RAC Rally followed by the Monte Carlo Rally in 1963 starting from Glasgow. John's co-driver on the Monte was well-known race driver Geoff Breakell. They finished but did not qualify for the race around the Monaco circuit. The next big rally was the Tulip where his co-driver was his brother Howard who also had a very quick Downton Modified Mini which he once gained FTD at Baitings Dam hill climb amongst other awards.

Shortly after the Tulip, BMC announced the Cooper S which many will know was the 1071S. John entered the Alpine Rally in this car and had to hurriedly get it prepared which was done by the soon to be famous Harry Ratcliffe at his workshop in Littleborough. He and his co-driver Allan Cooke missed a Coupe by just over 2 minutes, finished 9th in general classification and also won the Group One Category – 2nd was Henri Greder in a Ford Falcon. After the Alpine he entered the Spa Sofia Liege rally as no Mini had ever finished that event. His co-driver was Ted Rowlands. They did not finish and smashed there sump just south of Belgrave – no Mini finished that year either.

1964 was a busy year. John's first big event was the Tulip Rally which he entered his father's Lotus Cortina. His co-driver was John Middleton. This expected promising result was not to be as they ran into the back of a Peugeot which had just hit a tree a few minutes before he arrived on the scene on one of the timed sections. The radiator was damaged and as the Ford Team were running Cortina GT's and the GT radiator would not fit the Lotus - end of Rally.

The 1071 Cooper S was swapped for a new 1275S which was to be used on the Alpine Rally. This arrived just in time to be dispatched to Harry Ratcliffe's to be prepared. John won the coveted Coupe des Alpes. An award that his father had won in 1951 in a Healey Silverstone. After the Alpine came the Tour de France which was similar to the Avon Tour of Britain which included racing circuits and small special stages whereas the French version includes hill climbs and 2-hour races at French circuits such as Reims, Rouen, Clermont Ferrand, Albi, Pau and Le Mans plus various hill climbs such as Mont Ventoux. His co-driver was Johnstone Syer and with his help they managed to win the 1300 class.



**John's highly
successful KA at
the 2020 BTRDA
final**

After the Tour John was offered a works entry for the Liege in a Mini, even though Competition's boss Stuart Turner did not expect the car to finish as no Mini had ever finished the Liege. His co-driver would be fellow Lancastrian Mike Wood. John also did two recce one initially with Don Barrow in an MGB for part of the recce but then John changed cars in Yugoslavia and drove with Tony Ambrose in a works Healey. John's second recce was with Rauno Aaltonen in a prototype Hydrolastic Mini. However, he and Mike did finish much to everyone in the team's surprise. Much has been written about this event over the years including a small book by Mike Wood just on this 1964 event.

Following the Liege John was asked to help Ken Tyrell's team at the European Saloon car Championship final which was a 4-hour race at Monza. Two other drivers and cars were also drafted in to assist, Geoff Mabbs and Julian Verneuve. The cars were prepared at Abingdon and taken to Monza by John Cooper. The three of them were flown out to Italy.

After the Monza event the car was prepared for the RAC Rally and following that event was prepared for the Monte Carlo Rally where they were to start from Paris.

This was to be John's last International event as he had to decide whether he was to continue rallying or knuckle down to running his business and looking after the family, he chose the latter so apart from a few one-off sprints and hill climbs and a few UK Rallies John retired from motorsport in the mid 1960's.

He did not compete or have any involvement with motorsport until the late 1990's when he started assisting Peter Browning, ex BMC Competition Manager, together with Mike Wood, Willy Cave, Keith Baud and Bill Price and Den Green.



Goodwood in the Mx5, 2019

They ran a Classic Car Rally under the name of Prix des Alpes. John assisted with this event for 9 years.

During the last few years of the Prix des Alpes, he started helping a fellow LAC member Mike Raven run a classic rally in Scotland and he did this for a number of years finally deciding that he really wanted to start competing again.

The question was what motorsport could a 75-year-old compete in, to have some sort of modest success. On discussing this with fellow Lancastrian, John Waddington, it was decided that Production Car Trials would be worth a look. After a few hiccups and after spectating on a few car trials a basic Ford 1300 KA was purchased even though no one else was using a KA but with a wheel in each corner and rubber wings plus having strong drive gear, this was considered to be worth a punt. A suitable car was purchased, fitted with a sump guard and entered BTRDA / MSA / Motorsport UK events all over the UK.

A few years after buying the KA and starting to compete in car trials, John won a fully restored MGB in a raffle and though this car was immaculate it never seemed to run very well probably because of irregular use as this was stored in his business unit in Clitheroe which is 45 miles from home. John decided to sell the car and a Mk 2 MX5 with 6 speed box and limited slip diff was purchased and he started competing on sprints and hill climbs. This was swapped a few years later for a standard Mk3 2 litre MX5 which he used to compete in many club championships and on average over the past few years, excluding 2020, John entered between 40 and 50 events a year including car trials.



The Two Johns, Wadsworth and Waddington

BTRDA® Car Trials Championship

Where shall we start? Without a doubt 2021 has been a year of mixed fortunes for the Championship and for some, if not all, of our competitors. With some organising clubs holding back, or being held back, from committing to dates we had another “non-normal” year. This ultimately impacted on our Grand Final trial date and we lost a number of championship contenders to other events. We are now very much working towards something approaching “business as usual” for next year and looking forward to another season with a healthy level of competition with all its associated twists and turns. And climbs.

It is fitting that in the year in which we featured the Moffatt clan, Trevor became the Car Trials Gold Star Champion for the 2nd year in succession and Alastair bounced back to the top of the Autotest world with yet another Gold Star in that championship. Dad will be rightly proud, I'm sure.

The 2021 record books have already recorded that this was the year in which the inimitable Rupert North turned up at the first championship trial of the year in something other than his formally traditional yellow Mini, and promptly won his class. Rupert went on to achieve several class, overall wins and the Motorsport UK British Car Trials Championship in the blue Suzuki Alto, a car hitherto below the radar for competitive trials cars. What else is out there, many of us wondered?!

After several decades of service to the Car Trials committee, Mr Hillman Imp (a.k.a. Steve Courts) has reluctantly stepped down from the committee and is being closely followed by another Imp fan with Dave Oliver bowing out in the New Year.



Rupert North

To both gentlemen, we are most grateful for their valued input and contributions and hope that they will continue to pursue their passion whenever they can.

In the not-too-distant future we envisage submitting proposed 2023 class definitions, compiled by a working party over many months and virtual meetings, for consultation with competitors and organising clubs, to include a virtual Open Meeting. Once a democratic consensus has been reached, it should be a formality for the two national championships to adopt what has been agreed for the following year and hopefully for this to be similarly adopted by organising clubs and regional championships. The Open Meeting will also provide an opportunity to vote in new members to the BTRDA Car Trials Championship Committee, as we now have vacancies and we're seeking some younger and enthusiastic contributors who can help take the championship forward.

As you'll now be aware, the BTRDA's highly respected Annual Luncheon and Prizegiving is resuming in January. A great opportunity for some paddock banter but in the comfortable surroundings of the Bugatti Owners Clubhouse. We look forward to seeing not only our award winners but anyone keen to rub shoulders with like-minded enthusiasts.

Neil Mackay



Barrie Parker



Trevor Moffatt

BTRDA® Car Trials Final

The 2021 BTRDA Car Trials Championship commenced at The Ivinghoe Spring Trial in April with twenty-four competitors registered for the championship. There were eleven rounds to be held around the country at the usual venues with the addition of a new Yorkshire weekend. By the last event only fourteen competitors qualified for the final with six drivers having enough points to put them in contention the Gold Star.

The final this year was hosted by North Wales Car Club at the recently visited Cymru trial site at Hendrellwyn-y-Maen Farm, near Llangernyw on Sunday 7th November 2021. This was later than the usual date of early October which caused some clashes with some regional trials and finals resulting in some of the main contenders choosing not to travel to North Wales and they competed more locally. Nine championship contenders entered the final with over half the entrants having been previous national champions or award winners, so the competition was going to be close. With such a low entry normal Class 1 contenders decided to enter in Class 2 to even out the scoring index. This meant that for the first time Class 1 had no competitors in the final.

Class 2 consisted of Paul Myatt, newly crowned MSUK champion Rupert North, three-time Gold Star winners Henry Kitching and Neil Mackay, and current Gold Star Champion Trevor Moffatt.

Class 3 consisted of Ian Nute, 2016 Bronze Star winner Kevin Roberts, 2019 Bronze star winner John Charles and nine times Gold Star Champion Barrie Parker.

Initial going was slippery in places with areas of thick mud which later started to give some grip as the day progressed. 8 Hills were laid out across two fields on some mounds and slopes giving a good variety of challenges.

Round 1 saw Trevor Moffatt take a seven-point lead over Rupert North and Neil Mackay with a significant climb on hill 7 only dropping two points compared to nine for the other competitors with Henry Kitching a further ten marks behind.

In Class 3 scores were more closely matched with Kevin Roberts taking a two-point lead over Barrie Parker after a similar climb on hill 7 with John Charles a further two points behind.

Round 2 saw improvement on scores by Trevor, Rupert and Henry as the ground was starting to give some grip.

Class 3 saw the lead change with Barrie having a good round dropping five less than Kevin who remained three points behind.

After lunch round 3 again saw improvements in everybody's scores in both classes as the ground gave way to more grip. In class 2 Trevor maintained and improved his lead over nearest rival Rupert.

Class 3 saw Barrie had a lot more success than Kevin and started to open a significant class lead.

The final saw the marshals make a lot of changes to the hills with tight turns and slow approaches to steep climbs to drastically alter the scoring back to the levels at the start of the day.

In class 2 Trevor dropped scores to Rupert but it was not enough to change the class lead with Trevor winning the class. Rupert was second followed by Neil, Henry, and Paul.

In class 3 Barrie slightly improved his lead over Kevin, John and Ian, taking the class win.

With such a small entry the maths for the indexing did not take long. Trevor Moffatt won the event overall and with the twenty-five points awarded took the Gold Star championship for the second year in a row. The Silver Star was awarded to Neil Mackay with the runner-up being awarded to Kevin Roberts. Bronze Star was awarded to Paul Myatt with runner-up being awarded to Ian Nute. Class wins went to Rupert North and Barrie Parker.

On behalf of all the competitors I wish to thank North Wales Car Club for being excellent hosts and running an enjoyable and challenging event.

Trevor Moffatt

BTRDA CAR TRIALS CHAMPIONSHIP 2022

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

This calendar represents our best understanding of information available from the organising clubs and will be updated as news reaches us.

	<u>Provisional</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Approx Location & Main Road</u>	<u>what3words location</u>	<u>Club contact & phone no</u>
2022						
April	9 Sat 10 Sun 24 30 Sat	Clywd Trial Matthews Auto Salvage Car Trial Wingfioe Spring Trial Spring Trial	Clywd Vale MC Caernarfonshire & Anglesey MC Falcon MC Windwhistle MC	Dyserth Anglesey Ttring / Durnstable Amlinister	A55 / A5151 A55/B5110 A505 A35	07796 391449 Peter Williams Derydd Edwards Colin Reid Paul Brooks
May	1 Sun	Golden Springs Trial	Woodbridge MC	Crewkerne	A30	01305 260124 Merv Brake
June	12 26	Wyre Forest Car Trial Wye Valley Car Trial	Kidderminster MCC Ross and District MS	Stouport on Severn Leobury	A451 A438	01562 752950 01531 820761 Mac Roath Simon Harris
July	23 24	A & P Car Trial Ffiltrate Trophy Car Trial	Alredale & Pennine MCC Ilkley & DMC	Bolton Bridge Bolton Abbey	A59 A59 (B6160)	01274 817177 07802 833404 John Rhodes Karen Humphries
August	6 Sat 7 Sun	Gerry Evans Memorial Cymru Trial Derydd Car Trial	N Wales CC Bala & District MC	Abergyle Conwen	A548 A5	07789 995345 01490 420789 Dave Thomas Emyr Hall
Sept	11 25	Gaby Mohr Memorial Car Trial Ernest Owen Memorial Car Trial	Wolverhampton & SSCC Owen MC	Bridgnorth Burton upon Trent	A458 A38	01902 762048 01527 576123 Chris Knights Tim Beard
Oct	9 or 23	GRAND FINAL		Midlands		07855 164184 c/o Neil Mackay

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Autosport International BTRDA® Clubman's Rallycross Championship

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The Autosport International BTRDA Clubmans Rallycross Championship once again climaxed north of the Border at Knockhill in 2021, with all the category titles set to be decided and the question on everyone's lips heading into the event: could Jason Bleasdale complete an unbeaten run of A Final wins in the Super Modified division to lift the overall title in style?

4x4 action was up first in the Finals with a combined grid for the Cooper Tires Production 4x4 and Clubman 4x4 classes, the former seeing Dan Beattie's Subaru on top in the heats with a hat-trick while David Bell in the new All4 BMW Mini was on top each time in the Clubman split, defeating Beattie overall in heat one. Beattie led the A Final from start to finish despite the close attentions of his only class rival present in the shape of Chris Baker (Impreza), but it was Beattie who drove "Scooby-Doo" to his second Production 4x4 title win and keep alive his slim hopes of the overall crown. Behind, Bell passed the rapid-starting Escort of Derrick Jobb on the second lap to win the Clubman split and secure their championship title in the new Mini.

Plenty of eyes were on the Questmead Ltd/710 Oils Junior category as Owen Robbins was still in contention for the overall Championship, but it was Kacper Potyra (Saxo) who topped the heats with two wins to the Devonshire driver's one. The contest between them was a good one and heading into the A Final the Polish driver needed to win with Robbins finishing lower than fourth to snatch the title. Robbins made a super start but Potyra ground down the Swift's advantage, making a stab for the lead at the end of lap four before taking it up on the loose on the fifth lap. Potyra held on to take the flag, but Robbins was able to hold on to second and claim the title to justify his long trips over the season. Just three points separated Robbins and Potyra in the final reckoning, leaving the latter to rue some bad luck with punctures from early in the season plus a broken driveshaft at Blyton.

Max Weatherley's Swift swept the board in the AVO Suspension UK Modified division heats and was headed in the main event en route to his fifth A Final win of the season to wrap up the inaugural Modified championship with ease. Matt Reed's Corsa finished some 35 seconds down in second, holding off debutant Ansko Pitkanen (Swift) who completed the three runners.

With outgoing overall champion Dale Ford absent it was Harry Vaulkhard (Saxo) who topped the Steve Gaunt Trailer Hire Production heats with two wins, championship rival Rory Denning (106) winning the other. Denning got the drop at the start, holding off the ex-touring car man all the way for victory and a welcome maiden championship title.

It was a family show in a rather reduced AS Performance Super Modified division with brothers Jason and Darren Bleasdale on top in the heats. Andrew Hawkes scored another BMW Mini victory in heat three but the A Final would prove a familiar story as the incredible speed of Jason Bleasdale's Vauxhall VX220 off the line told again. Darren Bleasdale would pull clear of the Citroen. Despite his Vauxhall not being as strong on the loose, Jason Bleasdale held on to win by almost five seconds to complete an unbeaten record in A Finals and deservedly become the Autosport International BTRDA Clubmans Rallycross Champion for 2021. Brother Darren made it a family one-two with BMW Mini title rival Andy Hawkes taking fourth behind Chicken and Nick Abbott (BMW Mini). With the quirks of the scoring system meaning that the overall champion cannot also win his category title it meant that Chicken became Super Modified champion and Hawkes just pipped Darren Bleasdale to the BMW Mini title.

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The SG Haulage Ltd Pre-'95 Classic category was the last to be decided, the entry including the very unusual Nissan Silvia of Peter Mosgrove although this failed to make it past the heats. Vince Bristow started the day as championship favourite and the BMW man won two heats with returnee Ryan Stutchbury taking the other in his 205. Lee Wood was the only man who could catch Bristow for the title but it was not to be as "Mr Sideways" led all the way to lift the crown. Bristow the championship winner, while Crooks retained her Classic Mini title.

The season closed with a good old-fashioned Superfinal featuring cars from five different divisions on the grid together. Baker's Subaru was on pole and the Production 4x4 man held off Bristow's BMW all the way for the first "Final" victory of his career, Jobb's Escort completing the podium while Attiwell charged through with aplomb in his Nova to take fourth ahead of Meskauskas.

The curtain came down on a successful and hugely satisfying season for the Autosport International BTRDA Clubmans Rallycross Championship, with a dominant yet worthy champion in Jason Bleasdale who will proudly wear number one for 2022.

Over 100 drivers competed across the six events in 2021 and the Championship continues to gain in stature under the stewardship of manager John Rook and co-ordinator and 2020 MSUK Volunteer of the Year Jordine Crooks, and long may it continue to do so! Plenty of expansion is promised in 2022 and years to come, so let's hope more and more drivers and fans come to experience this superb and friendly form of budget motorsport.

See you in 2022!

Dave Goddard



Autosport International BTRDA® Clubman's Rallycross Championship

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2021 was a successful year for the BTRDA Clubman's Rallycross Championship despite early calendars concerns owing to Covid-19, with a six round calendar run over five months across four circuits around the UK and an impressive 108 registered competitors.

As we went into the final round, none of our Champions were decided, though it was suspected that Jason Bleasdale, in his Supermodified VX220, would take the overall Championship. This he did, after taking the win at all 6 rounds scoring a perfect 200 points (40 points over 6 rounds, allowing one dropped score). Close behind in the overall Championship standings were Rory Denning (Production Citroen Saxo) and Vince Bristow (Classic BMW 318i), each scoring an impressive 197 points against some tough competition.

The Production Championship standings remain provisional, with eligibility checks yet to be completed. The final round, Knockhill, started with the withdrawal of defending Overall Champion, Dale Ford and Majieck Florczack, both of whom were in the top 6 at the start of the event. Rory Denning and Harry Vaulkhard both started the event with the Championship title in sight, but it was Denning who took the win and therefore secured himself the Production Rallycross category title.

On behalf of the Championship, I would like to extend our thanks to all drivers, teams, marshals and officials for making our 2021 Championship the success that it was. Special thanks must also go to John Rook, our Championship Manager, for his hard work behind the scenes.

We look forward to celebrating your success at our Awards evening on 22nd January 2022 at Drayton Manor, tickets will be available soon via the BTRDA online shop.

All on committee are excited to be back to an 8-round championship for next year, our published calendar is within this publication if you haven't seen it already, and please remember to have a look at the Cross Car information which we are still investigating.

Jordine Crooks Championship Co-ordinator



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CHAMPIONSHIP IN PARTNERSHIP
WITH COOPER TYRES OVERALL
CATEGORY AND CLASS AWARD
RESULTS**

Please note that all Production results remain provisional at this time.

Overall BTRDA Rallycross Champion: Jason Bleasdale (200 points) – **The Dave Fuell Trophy**

Clubman's 4X4 Category

3rd: Martin Hawkes (70 points) – an award

2nd: Derek Jobb (91 points) – an award

Champion: David Bell (96 points) – **The Motospeed Trophy**

Production 4X4 Category

3rd: Paul Davis (133 points) – an award

2nd: Chris Baker (159 points) – an award

Champion: Dan Beattie (183 points) – **The Bill Skermer Trophy**

SuperModified up to 1600cc class:

1st: Tomasz Wielgosz (90 points) – **The Rose Trophy**

SuperModified 1601-2100cc class

3rd: Nick Artley (56 points) – an award

2nd: Gary Cook (116 points) – an award

1st: Fred Ling (132 points) – **The Fuchs Titan Trophy**

SuperModified over 2101cc class

2nd: Chris Langley (61 points) – an award

1st: Todd Crooks (65 points) – **The Titan Race Trophy**

SuperModified BMW Mini class

3rd: Abbie McGuinness (154 points) – an award

2nd: Darren Bleasdale (171 points) – an award

1st: Andrew Hawkes (173 points) – **The BTRDA Chairman's Trophy**

SuperModified Overall Category Champion: Phil Chicken (171 points) – **The Betteridge Trophy**

Modified

3rd: Chris Wheeler (82 points) – an award

2nd: Jonny Chrisp (123 points) – an award

Modified Overall Champion: Max Weatherley (165 points) – **New award**

Classic SuperModified Class

1st: Marc Jones (132 points) – **The SGT Trophy**

Classic Pre-1995 2101cc+ Class

2nd: John Cross (89 points) – an award

1st: David Ewin (144 points) – **The DLH Trophy**

Classic Pre-1995 up to 2100cc Class

3rd: Jamie McBain (172 points) – an award

2nd: Dave Martin (173 points) – an award

1st: Lee Wood (190 points) – **new award**

Classic Mini Class

1st: Helen Crooks (165 points) – **The Oli-Jac Trophy**

Classic Overall Category Champion: Vince Bristow (194 points) – **The Jehu Trophy**

Production 1600cc 8v Class

1st: Stephen Greenwood (66 points) – **The BLW Trophy**

Production 1600cc 16v Class

3rd: Mark Henry (155 points) – an award

2nd: Karl Jarvis (159 points) – an award

1st: Harry Vaulkhard (185 points) – **The MLW Trophy**

Production 1601-2000cc Class

3rd: Steve Gaunt (144 points) – an award

2nd: James Avison (180 points) – an award

1st: Mike Dresser (187 points) – **The Cothi Bridge Trophy**

Production Overall Category Champion: Rory Denning (194 points) – **The BWB Trophy**

Junior Rallycross Category

3rd: Corey Padgett – an award

2nd: Kacper Potyra – an award

Champion: Owen Robbins – **The BTRDA President's Trophy**

Best Presented Car: To be announced **22nd January 2022**

The Lady of Rallycross: To be announced **22nd January 2022**

Best Newcomer Award: To be announced **22nd January 2022**

BTRDA Star of the Future: To be announced **22nd January 2022**

The Best Event: To be announced **22nd January 2022**

The Anita Wadge Spirit of Rallycross Award: To be announced **22nd January 2022**

Cross Car



The BTRDA Rallycross Championship are investigating the possibility to introduce the FIA spec Cross Cars into the 2022 BTRDA Rallycross Championship. The Cross Cars implemented are to FIA spec which are currently used in other Rallycross Championship such as the Nordic Championship and the regulations have been adopted by Motorsport UK.

FIA Cross Cars specification:

Chassis Manufacturer:

- Any FIA compliant Cross Car from a range of manufacturers

Body:

- Tubular Space frame Structure combined with high performance composite plastic exterior body.
- CDS roll cage
- Dimensions: Length: 2600mm. Width: 1600mm. Wheelbase: 2100mm
- Weight: 420kg minimum with driver included.

Engine:

- Naturally aspirated 600cc or 750cc motors can be used.
- Four cylinders, 16 valves, Power: 130-150 bhp, Torque: 69-75 Nm

Transmission:

- Two-wheel drive with direct drive.
- 6 speed sequential gearbox, 9 plate race clutch.

Wheels:

- 6" front & 10" rear rims, Goldspeed brand, Fronts CR FT 165-70-10, Rears CR FT 225-40-10, Medium compound (yellow)

Price and details:

- The purchase price for a brand new FIA spec Cross Car would be approx. (From) £23,000 plus VAT (to be finalised). This purchase price in the first year would include your first-year entry fee's for all 8 rounds of the 2022 BTRDA Rallycross Championship for anyone buying the YaCar Cross Car.

The Cross Cars would fill the gap and demand for a 'buggy' style category within the BTRDA Championship, and with 3 FIA spec Cars due to be in the country soon, and with drivers such as Dan Rooke expressing interest, we are confident of a decent grid for 2022. The new category is expected to attract interest from current drivers but more importantly gain new drivers from the likes of Rallying and Autograss.

The price point is very competitive, certainly cheaper than Supercar, cheaper than some Super Modified cars and Classic machinery, with performance which would enable them to be the quickest machinery at a BTRDA event. The YaCar SXC Cross Car would be bought from a single supplier within the UK, other manufacturers can be bought direct from source.

BTRDA Rallycross Committee

Demon Tweeks Direct BTRDA® Autotest Championship

Congratulations to all of our 2021 Championship winners and our thanks to all contenders and event organisers for their support during a difficult year. Also, a huge thank you to our sponsor Demon Tweeks for their financial assistance and the "loan" of their carparks for two of our rounds. We lost four events due to mainly Covid related venue issues, but we are delighted that all are scheduled to return in 2022.

The Gold Star® Championship proved to be a head on battle between Alastair Moffatt (Mini Special) and the 2020 Champion Malcolm Livingston (Lindsay Special), with Alastair securing five straight FTDs to secure the Championship leaving Malcolm having to be content with runner up and one FTD, third place was Willie Keanning (Striker) and Dave Mosey (Mini Special) taking fourth and the remaining FTD.

Silver Star® saw the return of some "old" faces – sorry guys - with Rob Rolston (Mini) taking the overall honours from Gordon Holmes (Westfield) leaving the youngsters – Joel Conlan and Chris Morrison (Novas) - third and fourth respectively. Consolation for Joel was that he took the Bronze Star® Championship by beating George Harris (Nova) having been runner up last year.

The 2022 BTRDA® Autotest Calendar is:

Hagley & District Light Car Club
Hereford Motor Club
Wolverhampton & South Staffs CC
Loughborough Car Club
Alwoodley Motor Club
Knutsford & District MC
South of Scotland CC
Rhyl & District MC
Caernarfonshire & Anglesey MC
Boundless by CSMA NE London

Class results reflected the usual close contests, with Class A going to John Fox (Mini) from Rob Rolston; Class B saw Joel Conlan keep ahead of Warren Gillespie (Nova); Class C, which was as ever well supported, went to the flying Willie Keanning from Chris Chapman and Stephen Morten (both in Strikers) and in Class D Alastair Moffatt was dominant from Malcolm Livingston, who also won Class J, and Dave Mosey.

Finally, our Best Event Award went to the Knutsford and District Motor Club who as usual used the Demon Tweeks site to great effect despite having to cope with the more severe Welsh Covid Regulations at that time.

Photos Courtesy of Fern Motorsport

Steve Layton



Rob Rolston



Joel Conlan



Alastair Moffatt

13th March
3rd April
TBA
5th June
19th June
3rd July
16th July
14th August
21st August
4th September

Demon Tweeks Direct BTRDA® AutoSOLO Championship

After a thrilling 15th round of the demon tweeks backed BTRDA AutoSOLO championship, Alec Tunbridge was declared the 2021 champion after the Knutsford & DMC event at Booths Hall. Alec was in his usual Caterham, driven to all the rounds with the 2 spare wheels behind him on the tonneau cover. Neil Jones needed to beat Alec at that final round in his Mk 3 MX5, only bought the week before the event to replace his championship winning Mk2 version. However, the weather kept fine and the extra grip of the Caterham kept Alec in front of Neil to win the championship by 3 points. Neil had to be happy with a championship class D (sports cars) win and second overall and thoughts on how he will be much quicker in 2022 with the new car. The other possible champion, Jamie Yapp had to pull out from the event due to vaccination after effects but still won the championship Class B title for 1400cc to 2000cc saloons using the Yapp family Clio 172 Cup.

In terms of thrills watching, Bob Milligan in his 1275 Mini was always good with never more than a few mm away from the cones. He wins Class A for up to 1400cc from a more historic mini driven by Duncan Wild. Alan Wakeman has been the man to beat in this class over the years in a variety of Micras but the 2021 version, to be used more for Targa Road Rallies, just does not have the edge for AutoSOLOS. Maybe the mods for 2022 will!



Alec Tunbridge in his Caterham 7



Eddie Martin at Oxford MC Bocardo AutoSolo (Credit: Rance and Rally) 17

Newcomer to the championship, Craig Johnston, has gone well in his turbocharged Fiesta ST in Class C and takes a well-deserved class win. Of interest these days is what factor should be applied to turbocharged engines? They are becoming far more common and maybe the 1.7 factor should be reduced – my personal opinion!

There has been intense competition in the sports car class where the opposition to Neil Jones came from fellow MX5 drivers Eddie Martin, Gary Ridgway and Jim Bryant. Jim started off being the best of the 3 but then Eddie got going and led the main contenders for the rest of the season.

For 2022 the opening event will be a new one, the Bolton-le-Moors AutoSOLO at the Three Sisters circuit on the 6th March. Get those road going cars ready for another full season of the best 7 events from a choice of 20 (but only on 16 dates!) split around the country.

Peter Cox

BTRDA AUTOSOLO CHAMPIONSHIP 2021



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	U25	cc	Best 7 Scores	Class Position	O'all Position	AWARD
CLASS A						
Robert Milligan	Austin Mini	1275	161	1	6	Class
Duncan Wild	Austin Mini	1275	112	2	10	2nd
Alan Wakeman	Nissan Micra	1300	95	3	11	
Mark Bradley	Y Nissan Micra	1300	46	4	13	
Jamie Yapp	Nova SR	1298	27	5	-	
Alec Tunbridge	Fiat	1400	26	6	-	
Tony Roberts	Fiat Panda 100hp	1385	21	7	16	
CLASS B						
Jamie Yapp	Renault Clio 172 cup	1998	177	1	-	Class
Richard Yapp	Renault Clio 172 cup	1998	55	2	-	
Peter Cox	Skoda Fabia VRS	1900	21	3	-	
CLASS C						
Craig Johnston	Fiesta	14981	182	1	4	Class
Richard Yapp	Audi A3 / Golf R	2000	77	2	-	
CLASS D						
Neil Jones	Mazda MX5	1840	206	1	2	Class
Eddie Martin	Mazda MX5	1840	181	2	5	2nd
Gary Ridgway	Mazda MX5	1840	169	3	7	3rd
Jim Bryant	Mazda MX5	1840	135	4	9	
Peter Cox	Honda S2000	2000	65	5	-	
Richard Yapp	Mazda MX5 Mk1	1840	23	6	-	
CLASS E						
Alec Tunbridge	Caterham 7	1588	209	1	-	Class
Kornel Osiek	Y Citroen C2 GT	1600	39	2	14	
Kacper Polyra	Y Citroen C2 WRC	1600	27	3	15	
COMBINED						
Alec Tunbridge			209	-	1	Champion
Jamie Yapp			204	-	2	
Richard Yapp			155	-	3	
Peter Cox			86	-	12	

Demon Tweaks Direct BTRDA® AutoSOLO Championship

BTRDA AutoSOLO 2022 dates

6 March	Bolton-le-Moors CC	Three Sisters
13 March	Devizes & DMC	Kemble
10 April	Bath MC	Kemble
24 April	Oxford MC	Finmere
24 April	Boundless by CSMA NWMG	Lymm
2 May	Clwyd Vale MC	Ruthin
22 May	Bristol MC	Wroughton
22 May	Boundless by CSMA NWMG	Lymm
4 June	Loughborough CC	
11 June	Dolphin MC	Abingdon
19 June	Boundless by CSMA NWMG	Lymm
17 July	EMCOS	Cheltenham Race Course
14 August	Bath MC	Kemble
14 August	Boundless by CSMA NWMG	Lymm
4 September	Devizes & DMC	Kemble
11 September	Bristol MC	Wroughton
2 October	Oxford MC	Finmere
2 October	Clwyd Vale MC	Ruthin
16 October	Sixty & Worcestershire MC	Cheltenham Race Course
23 October	Knutsford & DMC	Booths Hall

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Mr Tyre Motorsport BTRDA® Targa Road Rally Championship

The first year of the Mr Tyre Motorsport BTRDA Targa Road Rally Championship has now been completed. Just the Awards Event to follow.

We have our Champion Driver and Navigator – John Davies and Sasha Heriot. Their names will adorn the overall trophies for the Targa Championship for the first time, a piece of history.

The year hasn't gone without issue. Covid has had its effect and we've lost events, with other events coming in, but the first year of the Championship went well.

The last Targa of the season was the Knutsford Targa at Three Sisters Kart Circuit. A great venue with many roads to use and multiple splits and merges. With the Championship having been effectively decided earlier, only a few crews entered the event, with the main focus being Allrounders points.

John Fox was the hero on the day, but he didn't realise until the Results were published! John had thought that he'd missed a lap on one Test, but he hadn't. As he thought his day was done, he started "Hooning", collecting some cones. However, the Results showed him second overall at the finish, without the penalties he would have won the event in his Clio 182 Trophy, which he also uses for AutoSolos. The result may have pushed John up to second overall in the Allrounders Championship.

John Rhys Owen and Sandra Loton-Jones were missing the loose, the asphalt providing more grip than they would have liked. But they still finished well, taking third in the event Class.

Ben Pritchard had a trouble-free run in his BMW, after breaking the wheel studs on one wheel at the Trac Mon Targa. This was probably due to an impact with a kerb on the Venta Silurum Targa at Caerwent on the previous event.

Regular BTRDA Competitor Duncan Wild was out in his classic Mini Cooper S. Duncan and Navigator Steve Skepper took fifth overall in the mighty Mini. Returning to the Championship, Steve Retchless took first Driver in the over 1400cc Expert Class (with John Davies taking the overall). Matthew Venables took first Navigator in the over 1400cc Expert Class (with Sasha Heriot taking the overall).

Bob Milligan won the under 1400cc Expert Class in grand style in his Classic Mini. Driving the car to every event and returning some incredible results, such as second overall on the Hatsford Targa. Add Bob's exploits on AutoSolos and Car Trials, he richly deserved the one car trophy in the BTRDA Allrounders Championship.

Rob Thompson and Aidan Thompson were out in their "purple peril" Rover 214. The car proving reliable and fun on a wide range of Targas.

Simon Mellings and Karl Ellis found good reliability in their freshly built Nissan Sunny, with more pace to come.

Huw Morris had a mixed year, suffering from car failures, but also going well when they had a clean run.

John Davies had a pretty good year, winning every event he entered in the Championship. A worthy winner!

2022 sees an increase in the number of Events, taking in the best Targas in the country. However, there are some areas of the Country where there just aren't suitable Targas taking place and/or the cost/location doesn't currently make them viable for the Championship. But never say never, we'd like to include the best Targas in all parts of the Country.

Mr Tyre Motorsport BTRDA® Targa Road Rally Championship

We've listened to Competitors and have tried to make the Championship as accessible as possible.

Many Targas have limits on the type of tyres which can be used and also only allow 2WD. To make the Championship as accessible as possible to all, we've tried to select events which follow the Motorsport UK Yearbook and do not apply additional restrictions.

Some events do require ROPS and harnesses due to the nature of the terrain, but there are still many events where additional safety equipment isn't required. This hasn't been possible in some areas due to venue restrictions, but you should have enough events to choose from.

We're aiming to include the best Targas in the Country, so are targeting the best Targa crews in the Country! The BTRDA Targa Championship is a UK Championship, prove you're the best in the UK!

At the time of writing, we're looking at around 16 Events around the country with 8 or 9 events to count.

The Awards Event will be held at Prescott, courtesy of the Bugatti Owners Club, on 30th January 2022. Details on how to book tickets will be available soon.

Alan Wakeman



John Davies and Nick Bloxham,
2021 Kemble Targa
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Duncan Wild and Steve Skepper
2021 Knutsford Targa

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MRF Tyres BTRDA® Rally Series



On the North Wales-based Cambrian Rally in late October, Irishman Owen McMackin (Ford Escort MkII) became the first driver to score maximum MRF Tyres BTRDA Silver Star® Rally Championship points for a second time this season and, in so doing, put the title out of reach of anyone else, no matter what happened on the final round. Similarly, Sam Fordham, Ashley Davies' co-driver, also found himself in an unassailable position in Silver Star at this point. However, as in all good adventure stories, we had to wait right until the end of the 2021 MRF Tyres BTRDA Rally Series before the destinations of both Gold and Bronze Stars became known!

Prior to the Rallynuts Stages (13th November), the final round of the BTRDA Rally Series, Garry Pearson/Niall Burns (Skoda Fabia) had already posted three maximum scores and held a slender lead at the top of the MRF Tyres BTRDA Gold Star® Championship points table. However, Callum Black/Tom Woodburn, who had teamed up for the first time in the former's Fiesta, could, given certain parameters, overhaul them for their respective titles. The conditions were 1. that Callum & Tom scored maximum points on the Rallynuts and 2. that Garry & Niall weren't able to improve on their previous scores.

Come the day and 18-years old Elliot Payne (Fiesta) claimed his first outright event win at BTRDA level, thereby denying 2nd placed Callum & Tom maximum points and, by finishing 3rd overall albeit after a troubled day, Garry & Niall did, indeed, improve on their previous scores and were, thus, crowned 2021 BTRDA Gold Star Rally Champions...

Meanwhile, the Fuchs Lubricants BTRDA 1400 (Bronze Star) Championship also went down to the wire. Prior to the start of the Rallynuts, Steve Black/Paul Morris (Suzuki Swift) were a handful of points ahead of Richard Jordan/James Gratton-Smith (MG ZR) such that, while they didn't necessarily need to 'win' on the day, a finish was imperative – as it was for Richard/James. In the event, the MG ZR came up trumps but the Swift wasn't that far behind it, giving Steve & Paul the 2021 Bronze Stars.

Other category winners in the MRF Tyres BTRDA Rally Series included Paul Street/Ian Jones (Escort MkII) in the Jordan Road Surfacing BTRDA Historic Cup, Ioan Lloyd/Sion Williams (Peugeot 208) in both the BTRDA Rallye R2 & R2 Junior Cups and Tom Naylor (Fiesta ST) in the MRF Tyres BTRDA Rally First Championship, with Jessica Mitchell as top Co-driver.

Andrew Haill



Owen McMackin



Garry Pearson/ Niall Burns
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MRF Tyres BTRDA® Rally Series

The calendar for the 2022 MRF Tyres BTRDA Rally Series is as follows :

DATE	EVENT	BASE
March 12th	Malcolm Wilson Rally	Cockermouth
April 9th	Rallynuts Stages	Royal Welsh Showground
May 14th	Border Counties Rally	Jedburgh
June 18th	Kielder Forest Rally	Hexham
July 9th	Nicky Grist Stages	Builth Wells
September 3rd	Woodpecker Stages	TBA
September 24th	Trackrod Forest Stages	Filey
October 29th	Cambrian Rally	Llandudno

Meanwhile, the calendar for the Motorsport UK 2022 English Rally Championship is:

March 12th	Malcolm Wilson Rally
May 14th	Border Counties Rally
June 18th	Kielder Forest Rally
September 3rd	Woodpecker Stages
September 24th	Trackrod Forest Rally
October 15th	Wydean Forest Rally
December 3rd	Grizedale Stages



Elliot Payne/ Patrick Walsh
(Credit: Kevin Money)



Steve Black/ Paul Morris
(Credit: MJ Almond)



Callum Black/Tom Woodburn
(Credit: MJ Almond)



Tom Naylor/ Tom Bishop
(Credit: Kevin Money)



Protyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship

Protyre Asphalt Rally Championship Hat-Trick for Jason Pritchard and Phil Clarke

For the third time in a row, Jason Pritchard and Phil Clark have won the Protyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship.

They arrived at the final Cheviot stages in Otterburn third in the standing and needing to finish in the top four to secure the title.

In the cold, wet conditions, the pair got off to a great start but came dangerously close to rolling after a mistake in SS3.

Despite then facing brake issues towards the end of the longer stages they drove flawlessly, ultimately finishing third overall to win the title.



Jason Pritchard/Phil Clarke

The event not only saw the crowning of the champions, it also bid farewell to Championship Co-ordinator Jane Evans who was presented with a bouquet of flowers and bottle of champagne to end the season in style.

From all the competitors and everyone here at the BTRDA, we want to thank Jane and her team for all their hard work and for running such a successful championship.

Jenny Wardle



Jane Evans with the Protyre Asphalt Cheviot Stages top 3

Protyre ARC reveals 2022 Calendar



For 2022, the Protyre ARC will feature seven rounds spread across Northern Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. With events scheduled from March to November, the new-look calendar will once again offer crews a challenging action-packed campaign including a mix of closed road events, stage rallies and for the first-time ever a visit to a circuit.

The Protyre ARC will get underway in the Northwest, at the Legend Fires Northwest Stages

It will be the first time it joins Britain's premier asphalt rally championship., having seen its previous appearance curtailed due to Covid restrictions.

Organised by Motorsport Northwest and based at Myerscough College near Preston in Lancashire, the events will feature 60 miles of closed road action on Saturday 19 March.

The Championship will then travel to Scotland for the Beatson's Building Supplies Jim Clark Rally. With the iconic roads around the Duns region in southern Scotland a favourite for drivers and rally fans, the closed road event returns after a six-year absence. Based in the Market Square in Duns, Berwickshire, the event will run over the weekend of 27/28 May.



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Protyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship

The Dunoon Presents Argyll Rally is home to round three of the Championship on 23 June. Having made the switch from a forest event to a closed road event offering competitive driving in the stunning Cowal countryside the event features on the calendar for the very first time.

The Championship then heads over to Northern Ireland on 23rd July for the Carryduff Forklift Down Rally. Last seen in the Championship in 2019, the event in Lisburn won the 2018 Rally of the Year Award and once again sees crews take to the Northern Irish asphalt. After a mid-season break, the Championship returns for 3 events across 3 months. The Get Connected Rali Bae Ceredigion gets us back underway over the weekend of 3/4 September. The Aberystwyth based closedroad event providing an exceptional challenge in September. Doubling up as a round of the BRC, it will see Asphalt competitors take on the very best the country has to offer.

The Championship returns to the Three Shires Rally in mid- September. Based at the Three Counties Showground, with stages spread across Worcestershire, Herefordshire and Gloucestershire, the Three Shires offers up to 14 stages covering 105km. Having been the championship's second round last season, the event becomes the Championship's penultimate contest taking place on the weekend of 17/18 September.

Oulton Park will provide the Protyre ARC with the finale, and potentially the Championship showdown, as the series visits the iconic Oulton Park Circuit for the first time.

The impressive Cheshire circuit played host to the opening special stage of Wales Rally GB in 2019 and the first round of the 2021 British Rally Championship as the Cheshire circuit provides a unique and challenging backdrop.

Organised by the BTRDA on behalf of Motorsport UK, the Protyre ARC, is the UK's premier Asphalt Rally Championship, and the news of the new calendar comes hot on the heels of the appointment of Darren Spann as the Championship's new Championship Manager and the launch of a brand-new logo as the Championship looks forward to a new and improved 2022 season.

Sponsored by Protyre Motorsport - the largest supplier of Michelin, Pirelli and Hoosier motorsport tyres in the UK, the Asphalt Rally Championship partnership once again allows Protyre ARC competitors the opportunity to access Protyre Motorsport's Tyre Services, and their range of ultra-high-performance tyres at competitive prices, on all seven rounds. With special competitive rates on all brands of competition tyres and very generous tyre incentives Protyre will be on hand at every round offering tyre delivery, tyre fitting, emergency supply of tyres and advice.

Championship Regulations will be published shortly. Further details on how to enter will be released in due course. Keep an eye out on all our social media and website for any announcements: www.asphaltrally.co.uk

2022 Protyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship:

Round 1	19th March	Legend Fires North West Stages
Round 2	27/28 May	Beatson's Building Supplies Jim Clark Rally
Round 3	25 June	The Dunoon Presents Argyll Rally
Round 4	23 July	The Carryduff Forklift Down Rally
Round 5	3/4 September	The Get Connected Rali Bae Ceredigion
Round 6	17/18 September	Three Shires Rally
Round 7	5 November	Oulton Park
Reserve		Cheviot Rally

BTRDA® Allrounders Championship Supported by Crystal Images

It will not be until midnight on the 31st of December that the Allrounders 2021 season finishers. Whilst all the BTRDA run championships will have finished several days before then there is always the possibility of a speed event running somewhere in GB which will count. So, the potential awards listed will not be final until then. Mind you, I don't expect the top 3 to change!

So, it could well be that Jamie Yapp will collect his 3rd Gold Star and the Peter Cooper Trophy at the Luncheon being held at Prescott on the 30th January. Jamie has used the Yapp family Clio 172 Cup and the more ancient, but rapid, fuel injected Nova from the Yapp fleet for AutoSOLOs and Speed events. His third branch has been from sitting in the left-hand seat ably navigating John Fox around Targa Road Rally courses which makes Jamie a true Allrounder.

John Fox is the only other contender to top 100 points this year which is such a difficult target to achieve. John has been on the Allrounders podium for the last 8 years and for 2021 it will be his name on the Darbyshire Trophy for second overall. He also has a good one car score of 98.96 using just the Clio. He did actually get 2 better scores in his mini which increased his second overall total to 100.78. His one car score was pipped by Bob Milligan who used his own mini to be just 0.89 points ahead of John and take not only the Davijon Trophy for best one car but also the Margot Young Trophy for third overall. He could even also win the car in the air picture award with the fine shot of him on the Hatsford Targa in the last E-news!

It could be a record year for one car qualifiers as to add to John and Bob there is also Simon Harris in his well-used Golf GTi and Duncan Wild who used his historic Mini. The other two (at the moment!) goblet qualifiers are Richard Yapp and Peter Cox who collects his first goblet since winning the Margot Young Trophy back in 1977. Peter used the BTRDA Targa Road Rallies championship, navigating for Richard, as his 3rd group which was a feature of all the award winners so far in 2021. Richard has been a longtime supporter of the Allrounders championship taking part every year since the late 70's. There is a potential fifth goblet qualifier with Alastair Moffatt, the Gold Star 2021 Autotest champion, just needing one more event. He is no mean driver of Sporting Trials cars and with 2 events left in that championship he may well be adding a goblet to the Flather Star Autotest Trophy he will collect at the Luncheon.

Targas have proven to be a useful choice for contenders and especially to those wanting to use a more standard car for the different types of BTRDA championships. Next year that championship is opening up to the more exacting multivenue events but there still should be enough smoother single venue events on which to score good Allrounder points on.

Peter Cox



Jamie Yapp at Loton Park

BTRDA Allrounder points as at 26th November

	EVENTS	POINTS	One Car	Potential Award
Jamie Yapp	AutoSOLO (3), Targa (1), Speed (2)	107.22		Peter Cooper
John Fox	AutoSOLO (3), Targa (2), Speed (1)	100.78		Darbyshire
Bob Milligan	AutoSOLO (3), Car Trials (1), Targa (2)	99.85	Mini	Margot Young & Davijon
John Fox	AutoSOLO (3), Targa (2), Speed (1)	98.96	Clio	
Simon Harris	AutoSOLO (1), Car Trials (3), Targa (2)	82.74		Qualifier
Richard Yapp	AutoSOLO (3), Targa (1), Speed (2)	77.40		Qualifier
Simon Harris	AutoSOLO (2), Car Trials (3), Targa (1)	77.08	Golf Gti	
Duncan Wild	AutoSOLO (3), Targa (1), Speed (2)	67.49	Mini Cooper	Qualifier
Peter Cox	AutoSOLO (3), Car Trials (1), Targa (2)	29.47		Qualifier

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BTRDA® Sporting Trials Championship

The Sporting Trials season is about to reach its conclusion with our traditional finishes at the Johnson and Gloucester to go. We have had another slightly stunted season with a slow start to the year with COVID cancelled events but since then events have come thick and fast and we are enjoying a close to 'normal' second half of the season.

As ever at this time of the year the culmination of the Motorsport UK championship is of keen interest to all competitors, with those at the top of the table are breaking out calculators, abacus and all the fingers and toes to work out the various permutations of dropped scores, what happens if I do this, and I do that etc etc.

Currently Josh Veale hangs on to the slender lead he has held all year ahead of Simon Kingsley and Richard Sharp who have been chasing him hard all year. Simon has been in good form in the second half of the season with a couple of 2nd places putting him firmly in contention if he can finish the season well. Richard has been uncharacteristically inconsistent this year but is another who has got the bit between his teeth this autumn with two wins to his name the most anyone has managed this side of the summer.

What has been great to see in this year's championships is how the wins have been shared out between lots of drivers, which shows some great competition across the field now. So far, we have had 9 different winners, and the first 7 events were all won by someone different. Lots of competition leads to exciting championships and has meant that the battle for the seasons long prizes will go down to the wire and for a long time was 4/5 people in with a chance which hasn't always been the case in previous years.

Even more hotly contested this year has been the Live axle championship which is exceptionally close with Sam Beare and Bob Packham level pegging moving into the final events of the season. Hopefully they will both be attending the final couple events to battle it out on the hills for the Motorsport UK Live Championships.

With regards to the BTRDA Championships Richard Sharp leads the way at the top of the table in the Red independents, with Darren Underwood looking like he will come out on top of a close battle with John Cole in the Blue Independent class. Although I good result from John at the final event of the year will give us a very interesting final count up.

The Blue Live Championship is about as tight as it can be with only one point separating Sam Beare and John Firth after 20 events which is remarkable, and it will certainly be all to play for as we finish the year.

Finally, to the Rookie class, which we are delighted to see has 11 competitors compete this year. Ian Blease-Dudley and Matthew Sharp have been fighting hard for the title of best newcomer this year. Matthew sits 13 points adrift but has done one less event so again a good performance from Mathew in the final events could make this a tight final leaderboard as well.

Looking across the championships it might be fair to say that there is an overriding feeling of a close competitive season across all the classes and sees drivers of all skill levels and budgets with a battle to get their teeth into across the year. Fingers crossed this continues into next year and beyond.

After the final event of the season on the 5th December we will look forward to the Gold and Silver Star final, which will this year be taking place at the popular Crewkerne site on the 22nd Jan. With everything crossed we hope that the dinner and awards ceremony will go ahead as planned and is due to be held at Torthworth Court which is just North of Bristol. Further details will follow to all qualifiers after the Gloucester

Best of luck to all those chasing championships at the end of the year, and we look forward to rounding off the season in style at the championship final before HOPEFULLY a full and unrestricted calendar in 2022.

Sandy Veale

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.

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