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President's Notes

The last three months have been very hectic for most of the organisers of our Championships.

It has been very difficult to guess the budgets and numbers of competitors that we could expect in the turbulent times that we are living through at the moment. Now most of our championships have kicked off their season for 2023 we can see that most series are having the same or even more entries than we received last year, so well done to the teams that have put them together.

Our brand BTRDA is very strong. Our members know that we put on a good spread of events throughout the year.

In particular the Protyre Asphalt Championship has got off to a great start with the first round oversubscribed and the next rally, The Manx National in May, filling up in just a few hours after the entries opened. Well done to Paul Morris and his team.

The MRF Forest Championship got off to a snowy start a few weeks ago and I must congratulate Kevin Savage and his organising team for getting the event on, and almost completely changing the route within 24 hours of the start to get a full mileage rally and having some very happy competitors. I found it amusing to find out that many of our top runners had not driven competitively on snow before.

This time last year in my President's Notes I congratulated Andrew Wheatley on his appointment as the new FIA Rally Director.

I was really happy to see him compete on the Malcolm Wilson Rally with his son Oliver in his trusty Ford Puma 1400, and what's more he won his class. Its great to see him still involved in club, grassroots motorsport and of course still a member of BTRDA.

The Targa Championship, run by Alan Wakeman, seems to be going from strength to strength and the Sporting Trials Championship has kicked off with some good entries as well.

Never underestimate the amount of work that a Championships organiser/team have to put in at the beginning of the season to make sure that our Championships run smoothly. I would like to thank you all for your efforts and at the moment it looks good for 2023.

I wish all our members a safe and successful season and make sure you have some " Serious Fun" along the way.

Mike Broad

The Chair was taken by the President, Mike Broad, who welcomed members to the webinar.

1. Apologies for Absence:

Liz and Peter Cox, Janet and Phil Darbyshire, Simon Harris, Brian Midgley, Norman Robertson, Jamie Yapp.

2. To receive & approve the Minutes of the 40th AGM held on 26th January 2022.

In seeking approval of the minutes of last year’s AGM, The President was moved to draw attention to the Treasurer’s Report which had been presented by Mike Sones, who had passed away suddenly last March. The President made a heartfelt observation that we could not thank Mike enough for his commitment to the Association over many decades and in various capacities. Mike had established a hard act to follow and in fact his roles had been absorbed by some 4 or 5 people from within the Association; the position of Treasurer remained vacant for a few months.

The minutes were passed as a correct record of the meeting.

3. Treasurer’s Report

Inviting Tim Beard to present the Treasurer’s report, the President confirmed to the meeting that Tim, already Treasurer to BTRDA Ltd, had served as a co-opted director of the Association since last May and earlier this evening had also agreed to take up the position of Treasurer to the Association.

Tim Beard advised the meeting that our membership had bounced back in 2021 and in fact had exceeded the pre-pandemic figure, resulting in a modest surplus for the year. Draft figures for 2022 revealed a continuation of the previous satisfactory position, although we were now facing increased costs. Nevertheless, membership fees had been held. Tim expressed his thanks to Richard Yapp and Paul Price; also to Kath Skermer for helping out with the Rallycross financials.

The President thanks Tim for his extended duties last year and the chairs of all the championship committees for keeping a tight rein on their budgets.

4. Election of President

Neil Mackay, Company Secretary, took over the chair to conduct proceedings. Neil advised the meeting that the incumbent President was the sole nominee for the position. Mike Broad had served 5 terms of office and reflecting on his age rather felt that at 75 the 6th term should be his last. Mike went on to mention that his position was made so much easier with the support of chair of BTRDA Ltd and Council Steve Layton, with whom he was invariably in daily contact.

5. Election of a Director of The British Trial and Rally Drivers Association Ltd.

Richard Yapp was unanimously reappointed as a Director of the Association; there were no other nominations and no other vacancies.

6. Election of a Director of BTRDA Ltd.

Stuart Beare was unanimously nominated for appointment as a Director of BTRDA Ltd; there were no other nominations and no other vacancies. It was noted that Julian Fack had also reflected on his own age and decided not to stand for re-election. Describing Julian as Mr Sporting Trials, the President thanked Julian for his invaluable contributions to Sporting Trials and to Council and BTRDA Ltd. He was pleased to see Stuart Beare, chair of the Sporting Trials Committee, replace Julian on the subsidiary company’s board.

7. Election of Council Members of BTRDA Ltd.

Jordine Crooks, David James and Alan Wakeman retired by rotation and were all re-approved for nomination as Council Members of BTRDA Ltd; there were no new or additional nominations and one vacancy remained.

8. 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. The President added that everyone had done a super job and made special mention of Paul Morris for taking up the reins for the Asphalt Championship. He went on to thank Alan Wakeman for guiding the new Targa Road Rally Championship through a successful first year and thanked Nick Pollitt and editor Jenny Wardle for their work on E-News and News.

9. Any Other Business

Paul Morris advised that the John Price trophy for 1st Co-Driver had been mislaid and sought agreement for a replacement. This was agreed.

The President mentioned that Asphalt Rally, Forest Rally and Rallycross awards dinners together with the main Luncheon on 5th February will all have been held at Drayton Manor and when combined with the Sporting Trials dinner there will have been some 600 attendees over the 5 functions. Nevertheless, there are places available for the Luncheon next month.

There being no other business, the President thanked members for their attendance and the meeting closed at 7.59 p.m.

Awards Luncheon

A fantastic array of BTRDA trophies steeped in history stood proudly in front of the assembled diners at Drayton Manor, and nearly all our Gold Star Champions were there (the Forest and Asphalt Rally Series and our Rallycross Championship each have their own presentations).

It was a super day thanks to Mike and Sue Broad's organisation, and to Sue Underwood's Crystal Images for the stunning display of trophies and glassware, a great day was had by all, especially the highly successful Targa competitors.

Nick Pollitt



Picture of Gold Star Champions (by Duncan Wild)

Left to right: Alastair Moffatt- Autotests, Neil Jones- AutoSolos, Jamie Yapp- Allrounders, Kevin Roberts- Car Trials, Garry Preston- MSUK Car Trials, and Tom Bricknell- MSUK British and BTRDA Sporting Trials Champion

Anyone who has ever attended the annual BTRDA Luncheon – prior to 2023 – will be only too aware of the input to the function from the late Mike Sones which included the popular picture quizzes that he produced as a way of not only entertaining guests while their digestive juices set to work, but also of raising (quite!) a few quid for various worthwhile charities.

So, following the tragic events of last spring, how should the BTRDA perpetuate the memory of our much-missed former friend and colleague? Step forward, Nick & Dawn Pollitt who came up with the idea of a Mike Sones-themed picture quiz which, obviously, hit the spot as it raised £120 for the National Memorial Arboretum in Alrewas – chosen as it was where 250 of Mike's friends gathered following his funeral in May 2022.

The day following the luncheon, Mike Broad was in touch with the Arboretum to advise them of the forthcoming donation and, in reply, received the following e-mail:

Lovely to speak to you just now and once again, thank you – and I can't say that enough. Every donation large and small makes a difference but it's also really lovely to hear the Arboretum's remembered and appreciated, it's given us a little lift this morning.

So, a pat on the back to all involved....

Andrew Hail

BTRDA[®] Sporting Trials Championship

We are now eight trials into the 2023 season (nine if you include the 2022 Gold Star final in January) and we have been treated to a wonderful mix of events and winners so far this year.

Let's start with the 2022 Gold and Silver Star final and we were treated to one of those 'Do you remember when..' days as a hard frost in the proceeding days gave us unique trialing conditions. Many a hardened trialer and seasoned winner were scratching their heads and reaching for their calculators as scores very quickly moved towards triple figures.

One man that got nowhere near triple figures and indeed no one got anywhere near him was Thomas Bricknell. Thomas finished off his fabulous 2022 season by completing the British championship double after he had wrapped up the MotorSport UK championship in fine style in the autumn of 2022. Matt Sharp continues to improve and impress in his beautifully presented live axle Sherpa and took the Silver Star title. In a few years there is a good chance he will be competing for the main Gold Star award if he continues to develop as he has so far.



Stuart Beare



Matt Sharp

BTRDA[®] Sporting Trials Championship

Moving on to the 2023 championship Thomas once again leads the way but has only just nudged into top spot after taking his first two wins of the year in the first Northern two day of the year hosted by the NPTCC. Other winners this year so far are Josh Veale who has picked up two wins. Richard Sharp and the Chairman Stuart Beare have also experienced success early in the season with Harry Barr winning our first Irish round of the championship.

In other news the trials committee are working hard behind the scene to get to grips with the often-controversial subject of tyres. With current tyres going out of productions and potentially offering more grip than is ideal they are trying to meet a delicate balance of need in the search for new rubber. It needs to offer enough grip to give novices an enjoyable day, but not enough that clerks and marshals need to search for steeper hills or higher pressure to offer a challenge to the experts. It needs to be grippy enough to allow safe passage to and from sections in slippery conditions but not so much that it can dig excessively on blasting hills as we have seen in the past. It needs to be readily available at a reasonable price, and ideally some guarantee that it will remain in production for a considerable period of time so that a testing party does not have to meet every year!

As we move towards the back end of the of the first half of the year our championships are nicely poised with entry numbers continuing to be positive and the second-hand car market is still very active.

We look forward to seeing what the rest of the trialing season brings.

See you all on the hills soon.

Sandy Veale



George Barnes

BTRDA® Car Trials Championship

I'm putting this column together a couple of weeks before we emerge from hibernation and stumble across our first events in this championship year. With none in the first quarter of the year, April is a busy month for us with 5 events, made a little easier with two double-headers.

Championship registrations are coming in nicely – thank you for your support – and as always a warm welcome to newcomers.

Our back-office team have given the Car Trials “home” page a new look with a photo of a modern hatchback superseding a very historic Hillman Imp. We've also published a snapshot of the new championship classes and an updated flyer highlighting the “drive from the age of 14” feature of the sport. These are downloadable from btrda.com/about-car-trials/

I'm sure we'll have more to report on in the next issue with a few events under our belt, but in the meantime I wish everyone an enjoyably competitive year, or indeed ‘Serious Fun’ as our President would say.

Neil Mackay

BTRDA CAR TRIALS CHAMPIONSHIP 2023

PROVISIONAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The calendar will be updated when dates are confirmed - highlighted in green.

		<u>Event</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Nearest Postcode</u>	<u>what3words location</u>	<u>Club contact & 'phone no</u>	
2023							
April	15 Sat	Derwydd Car Trial	Bala & District MC	LL21 9UP	///clinking.format.maximum	Emyr Hall	01490 420789
April	16 Sun	Peter Williams Trial	Clwyd Vale MC	LL18 6HT	///cheered.concerned.variances	Pete Dale	07879 374378
April	23	Ivinghoe Spring Trial	Falcon MC	LU7 9DH	///prompting.vented clotting	Colin Reid	07368 388532
April	29 Sat	Spring Trial	Windwhistle MC	EX13 7TP	///prepped.visitor.hours	Paul Brooks	07843 657848
April	30 Sun	Golden Springs Trial	Woolbridge MC	TA18 8QP	///officials.neckline.undulation	Merv Brake	01305 260124
May	14	Ernest Owen Memorial Car Trial	Owen MC	TF11 9DX	///regal.escalates.deprive	Tim Beard	07810 505644
June	11	Wyre Forest Car Trial	Kidderminster MCC	DY12 2YE	///deferring.corded.roofs	Mac Roath	01562 752950
June	25	Wye Valley Car Trial	Ross and District MS	HR8 2RF	///spreading.makes.readings	Simon Harris	01531 820761
July	8 Sat	Matthews Auto Salvage	Caernarvonshire & Anglesey MC	LL78 7JJ	///rational.relatng.unfit	Lee Matthews	07778 905571
July	22 Sat	A & P Car Trial	Airedale & Pennine MCC	LS29 0RH	///figs.systems.rural	John Rhodes	01274 817177
	23 Sun	Filtrate Trophy Car Trial	Ilkley & DMC	BD23 6AP	///hours.score.peroxide	Karen Humphries	07802 833404
August	5 Sat	Gerry Evans Memorial Cymru Trial	N Wales CC	LL22 8TE	///ulterior.plants.digital	Dave Thomas	07788 995345
	6 Sun	Derwydd Car Trial	Bala & District MC	LL21 9UP	///clinking.format.maximum	Emyr Hall	01490 420789
Sept	10	Gaby Mohr Memorial Car Trial	Wolverhampton & SSCC	WV16 6XD	///totally.pickup.punctured	John Fox	07593 318987
Oct	7 Sat	GRAND FINAL (note the Saturday date!)	c/o Woolbridge MC	TA18 8QP	///officials.neckline.undulation	c/o Neil Mackay	07855 164184

BTRDA® CAR TRIALS CHAMPIONSHIP

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START COMPETING FROM THE AGE OF 14... In the relatively safe environment of Car Trials, where speeds are low, there is no better place to learn car control and gain an understanding of trialling techniques. This is permitted from the age of 14, although drivers not holding a full RTA driving licence must have a front seat passenger who does hold a full RTA licence and is experienced in Car Trials or Sporting Trials. The Championship offers budget motorsport, classes without the need for MoT's, as well as newer-car classes.



The BTRDA Championship runs in conjunction with a dozen or so club/regional events across the country, culminating in an end-of-season Grand Final Trial for qualifying competitors – those having contested at least four of the qualifying rounds.

With league type championships running through the season, together with a unique end-of-season Grand Final Trial (with bonus points for the winner of that event), there is much to play for! Additionally, class awards and the Ladies Award are contested at the Grand Final only. **If you are up to the challenge – join us today – we look forward to seeing you!**



Car Trials Championship Classes 2023

(See also General Class Definitions at end of document)

CLASS A - FWD Series Production Cars up to 15 years old, unmodified and carrying no ballast

Standard front wheel drive cars first registered on or after 15 years prior to 1 January in the Championship year, taxed for road use, carrying no ballast and having no modifications except as follows:

- (a) the fitting of under-body protection weighing no more than 10kg (including fittings);
- (b) the replacement of wheels and/or tyres in accordance with T11.12.



CLASS B - FWD Series Production Cars

This class permits ballast and modifications in accordance with T11.6 to T11.14.3.

CLASS C - 1990 onwards RWD Series Production Cars & Sports Cars

Rear wheel drive Series Production Cars & Sports Cars first registered on or after 1 January 1990.

This class permits ballast and modifications in accordance with T11.6 to T11.14.3.



CLASS D - Series Production Cars not eligible for any other Class and Kit Cars

This Class comprises:

- **RWD Series Production Cars and Production Kit Cars***

This class permits ballast and modifications in accordance with T11.6 to T11.14.3.

* Production Kit Cars are not eligible for T11.12 and must only use wheels of the sizes detailed in their MSUK specification. Production Kit Cars must comply with T11.12.5 to T11.12.8.



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CLASS D *continued* –

• Modified Series Production Cars and Modified Kit Cars**

Cars (not eligible for Classes A, B or C) complying with Motorsport UK Regulation T 10 Classes 1-6 and 7 (b) and front-engined Kit Cars modified beyond Car Trials Formula regulations and up to the limits specified in T 10 Class 7 (c), and with the ACTC approved specification readily available for inspection. T10.1 may not apply as MOT is not required when off road. The Car Trials Wheels and Tyres regulations T11.12.5 and T11.12.6 must be complied with.

** Compliance shall not extend to T10.9. or T11.12. i.e. only wheels of the sizes detailed in their MSUK specification or ACTC specification may be used. In all other cases of rule compliance, Classic Reliability Trial Vehicles regulations will prevail.



GENERAL CLASS DEFINITIONS:

- (i) Car definitions to be in accordance with the current Motorsport UK Yearbook section B.
- (ii) All cars must comply with T9 and cars in Classes A, B & C must comply with T11.6 to T11.14.3. (iii)
All cars to be 2-wheel-drive.
- (iv) Cars may be fwd or rwd unless otherwise stated in the class definition.
- (v) Series Production Cars includes Sports Cars with a minimum production run of 100 identical examples in any 12 consecutive month period.
- (vi) All cars to have an internal combustion engine as its sole means of propulsion whilst competing.
- (vii) There is no requirement for cars in any class to be driven to the event; cars in Classes B, C & D do not need to be taxed or have a current MoT certificate.
- (viii) Cars in Classes A, B & C must only use gear and axle ratios as stated in the official manufacturer's handbook for the model and year of manufacture. Cars in Class D must have an overall first gear ratio which is numerically less than 20:1.
- (ix) Cars in Classes A, B & C must have rear seats fitted in the same way as originally supplied.
- (x) Cars in any Class may have a steering wheel knob fitted.
- (xi) Minimum tyre pressures on the driven wheels are noted in each class section below.
In Classes A & B cars with an overall length of 166 inches and over may reduce tyre pressures below the stated Class pressures by not more than 4 psi, subject to an absolute minimum pressure of 12 psi.
- (xii) Any car fitted with a torque biasing differential or any other form of mechanical traction control as catalogued for that car will have tyre pressures set at 4 psi above the specified Class pressure. Any car fitted with an unmodified original equipment electronic traction control system will be allowed without the 4 psi tyre pressure penalty.



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Autosport International BTRDA® Clubman's Rallycross Championship

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The BTRDA Clubman's Rallycross Championship held its season opener on Sunday 26th March at Blyton Park, having previously held a test day there back in February. This test allowed the drivers to get a small taste of what was to come at Blyton in 2023 – a new track layout, which was confirmed by the MDA just a couple of weeks later.

The event attracted the biggest entry at Blyton since 2017, with 63 drivers looking to contest the event, whilst 55 drivers made the start line on what was an overcast, yet pleasant day in Lincolnshire. The heats and finals were entertaining, with spectators enjoying the spectacle of sideways Rallycross action as packed grids fought for a first place finish.

Our 2022 Overall Champion, Darren Bleasdale, was missing from the line-up, opening the Supermodified category up in what was pre-dominantly a FWD grid following the retirement of Michelle Swallow in her Porsche, and Richard Moore in his Mercedes SLK early in the day due to gearbox failure on the line. Committee members Gary Cook (Ford Fiesta) and Todd Crooks (BMW Mini) enjoyed some close battles with the likes of Fred Ling (Ford Fiesta) and Phil Chicken (Citroen C2), but it was Ling who was to take the win in the final, despite some issues with the gearbox mount earlier in the day, leading the way in the Championship. Chris Smith followed closely, having double driven in his car in both the Supermodified and Modified category, alongside Rob Tinto in his puma. Chicken's son, Corey Padgett, saw some success in the Junior Category taking 3rd, behind Will Ovenden and Tyler McAlpin in their Suzuki Swifts. Jimmy Jeakins rolled on the last lap, with the result being declared.



TV Broadcast Information

**Every round of the BTRDA Championship can be seen in 2023
on the following broadcast channel's;**

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Virgin CH:533,

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In Addition to the above broadcasters and once the co

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also be seen on the BTRDA Rallycross Championship 'YouTube' Channel;

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCy>


Autosport International BTRDA® Clubman's Rallycross Championship

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The newly named and restructured Modified 4X4 Category, saw Production 4X4 enjoy competing with the All 4 BMW Mini cars of Max Langmaid, David Bell, Edward Stallard and Andrew Hawkes. Tomas Ramanauskas, 2022 Production 4X4 Champion, started the day off strong with a win in Heat One in his Mitsubishi Lancer, before being beaten from start to finish by Langmaid in the final. Chris Baker in his Subaru Impreza came in 3rd, with the remaining All 4 Minis following on, after Ed Stallard dropped back to 5th off the line after getting bogged down at the start.


2022 Production 1600cc 16v Champion, Charley Moroney, contests this season in the BMW Mini Category (the biggest entry of the event with 13 cars entered), recording a win in his first event in the car in the BTRDA, with Dave Ellis, Abbie McGuinness and Ben Sayer following close behind, whilst McGuinness posted the fastest lap time of the race with a 1:04.821.

The Cross Car Championship saw an entry of 4 karts, with numbers continuing to grow since it's introduction. Previous Classis Category contender, Dave Attiwell, joined the grid alongside Luke Holly and Paul Batson, and new to the Championship Will Butler. It was Butler who took the win, posting the quickest lap time of the finals (across all categories) of just 1:00.152 minutes, after overtaking Attiwell on lap four. Butler pushed on in the final lap to cross the line 4.5 seconds ahead of Attiwell, with Holly coming in third after a spin in turn four, and Batson close behind.



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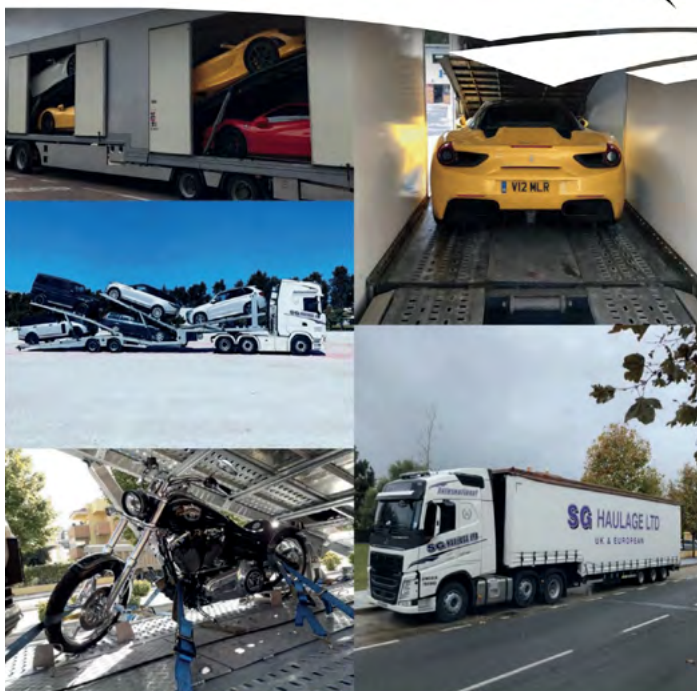
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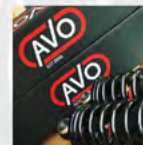
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Autosport International BTRDA® Clubman's Rallycross Championship

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The new to 2023, pre-1995 up to 1600cc class incorporating Classic Minicross saw some close fought racing between Daryl Ambrose in his Peugeot 106, Tony Browes in his MG Maestro and Helen Crooks in her classic mini, with the 3 completing the latter half of the Classic results, but it was the Mk2 Escort of Lee Wood that took victory, having overtaken John Cross on lap 3, with the Stratos crossing the line just 1.8 seconds later, and the Mk1 Escort of Dan Swayland. Classic regular Jamie McBain was missing from the final results in his Peugeot 205 after a roll earlier in the day.

With the 2022 Champion, Charlie Titcombe absent from the line up in Production, it was Martin Peters in his Citroen Saxo who took the chequered flag first in the final after a consistent day, but only by a margin as James Orton crossed the line just 0.186 seconds later on his return to the sport, ahead of Jonny Chrisp. Mark Henry crossed the line in 4th, taking 1st place in the over 2l class, with newcomer Johnathan Bennett finishing 7th in his first ever event, behind Dan Griffiths. Sam Noye unfortunately retired during the race, resulting in a DNF for him. Stuart Woollen, driving Championship manager John Rooks previous car, started heat one strong, but unfortunately a roll ended his day early.

The Championship season has got off to a fantastic start, with lots of new drivers welcomed and the new, improved track at Blyton receiving positive feedback. We now look ahead to Rounds 2 and 3 at Pembrey, as we enjoy a double header weekend on the 22nd and 23rd April.

Jordine Crooks

Summary of Regulation Changes

The BTRDA Clubman's Rallycross Championship Committee have worked hard over winter to update the regulations and ensure that we continue to provide a safe and fun Rallycross Championship which caters for a wide range of vehicles.

Key changes:

Modified 4X4

The formerly known Production 4X4 category has been renamed the Modified 4X4 Category. This category will now include Production 4X4 and All 4 BMW Mini Class.

Classic

Classic Supermodified has been rehomed within the Supermodified Category for 2023, with the Classic Category class structure having been changed to accommodate vehicles which where the engine and block are pre-1995 only. A new class has been created for pre-1995 vehicles, with engine capacity up to 1600cc, including Classic Minicross.

Production

The Production 1600cc 8v class has been removed from the Championship structure.

Knockhill

The points structure for the final round at Knockhill has been changed – this round will now be able to be used as a dropped score, however as an incentive to enter, double points will be offered. For example, 80 points will be offered for a 1st place finish, as opposed to the usual 40.

Tyres

Cooper Tires remain our title sponsor for 2023, with the control tyre remaining in-situ for a number of Categories as per the regulations. Information with regards to tyres beyond 2023 is available within this programme, and further information will be shared when it is available.

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Protyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship



**Bumper start to the Protyre
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year**



It was a bumper start to the 40th anniversary year of the Protyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship, with 50 registered drivers contesting the opening round, the Reed Group East Riding Stages, and 55 registered drivers already on the unseeded entry list for Rounds 2 and 3 – the double header Manx National Rally.

Add the all-important co-drivers into the equation, and there is well over 100 competitors already registered for the UK's premier sealed-surface series.

David Henderson made a Protyre Asphalt winning start when he and co-driver Chris Lees clinched victory over the challenging East Yorkshire closed roads in their Ford Fiesta Rally2.

There was a fierce battle for the East Riding victory, with the top three finishers covered by just 10 seconds – and it was Henderson's knowledge of the roads (having also won the event in 2022) that made the difference. Although he almost threw it away on the second to last stage, when he dropped the car into a ditch!

David Wright made an impressive Protyre Asphalt debut by finishing second in his Ford Fiesta R5. Co-driven by series returnee Paula Swinscoe, Wright might well have won the event had he not lost 20 seconds with a spin on SS2.

Elliot Payne/Tom Woodburn put in a brilliant performance to finish third in their Ford Fiesta Rally2 – thanks to three (out of four) fastest stage times in the afternoon.

It was a great run too for James Ford/Neil Shanks. They established a 12.1 second lead in their Citroën C3 Rally2 after SS2, and still led at half distance – despite surviving a big spin on SS3 and easing off on SS4. They continued their good run in the afternoon, eventually coming home fourth.

Robert Swann/Darren Garrod had a good run to fifth in their Ford Fiesta WRC – missing out on a top four position by just 0.4 seconds.



David Henderson/Chris Lees



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Kevin Davies put all his Welsh road rallying experience to good use on his first event in a Melvyn Evans Motorsport-prepared Volkswagen Polo GTI R5. Co-driven by Owain Davies, the Carmarthen driver finished a very impressive sixth on his Protyre Asphalt debut.

Stephen Simpson/Patrick Walsh were seventh in their Ford Fiesta Rally2, John Stone/Laura Connell finished eighth in their Volkswagen Polo GTI R5, Neil Roskell/Andrew Roughead came home ninth, having spun their new Ford Fiesta Rally2 on the opening stage, while Simon Bowen/Craig Simkiss completed the Protyre Asphalt top 10, having put their Ford Fiesta S2000T into a ditch early on.

Talking of ditches, it wasn't a great start to the season for defending Protyre Asphalt champion Steve Wood. Co-driven on his occasion by Mark Glennerster, the Aberystwyth driver admitted to pushing a little too hard on the opening slippery stage and out-braked himself entering a chicane. His Ford Fiesta RS WRC bounced off a hay bale and backwards into a ditch. It only caused superficial damage, but it unfortunately also signalled instant retirement.

Defending class B13 champion Darren Atkinson continued from where he left off last year by winning the category in his Ford Escort Mk2. Despite the dash not displaying what gear he was in, Atkinson and co-driver Mark Twiname were the first rear-wheel drive car home in a fantastic 11th overall.

The slippery morning conditions suited Will Rowlands/Emyr Hall better than the drier afternoon, and they did enough early on to secure victory in the BTRDA Historic Asphalt Cup in their Ford Escort RS1800. They also take the early lead in the class index of performance-based Ford Escort Challenge.

Geoff Roberts/Ian Jones retired their Escort RS1800 four miles into SS2; there was a horrible noise coming from the axle and they decided to stop to prevent causing more damage. They did however win the Dynamic Fluids Best Presented Car award.

Joe McKeand/Charlotte McDowall won the highly competitive class B14 battle after a great drive in their Subaru Impreza, with William Hill/Richard Crozier finishing second in class in their Ford Fiesta Rally3.

Reigning Northern Ireland Junior rally champion Sam Adams clinched victory in class B12, after he and co-driver Michael Johnston enjoyed a great run in their Pinto-engined Ford Escort Mk2 – while Michael Harbour/Ian MacDougall won class B11 in their Escort Mk2.

It was also a blockbuster start to the online Protyre Asphalt TV coverage, with over 160,000 views on the opening round. You can still view all the action on the Special Stage TV Facebook page.

For more news, check out asphaltrallying.com.

Paul Evans

Protyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship

2023 Calendar

26 February	The Reed Group East Riding Stages Rally
12/13 May	Manx National Rally
26/27 May	Beatson's Building Supplies Jim Clark Rally
23/24 June	Dunoon presents Argyll Rally
22 July	Carryduff Forklift Down Rally
2/3 September	Rali Ceredigion
22 October	Ford Parts Cheviot Stages Rally



East Riding Podium



Sam Adams/ Michael Johnston



William Hill/Richard Crozier

BTRDA® Allrounders Championship Supported by Crystal Images

As the last News was printed before the Allrounders season finished – 31st December! To bring you up to date the 2022 Gold Star went to Jamie Yapp with a total score of 106.99. The late challenge from Alastair Moffatt earned him second spot overall with 103.11 whilst John Fox had to be content with third spot on a score of 102.01.

It's no mean feat to score over 100 points from the best 6 scores and credit goes to Jamie, Alastair and John for achieving that. For the first time in many years Jamie was also the best single car driver in his Renault Clio Cup 172.

And so to 2023, it's always good to get a few good early scores and already Jamie and John have done well on the AutoSOLO front by getting class wins at the Devizes Kemble round. However, the top score at that event was a new contender, Neil Jones, in his MX5 who beat a massive class of 25 sports cars to open his score with a 19.32. Neil has been competing in AutoSOLOs for several years, being overall BTRDA champion on no less than 4 occasions. Last November he competed on the Knutsford Targa Rally at the Three Sisters Kart circuit. and won that outright. The only difference to the car – the addition of 2 spotlights! The padded brackets used for them were visible at Kemble for the AutoSOLO so maybe more Targas are in line for 2023?

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I've already mentioned champions and perhaps Alastair Moffatt had the highest number of champions in a single car when he competed at the Hagley Geoff Taylor Sorting Trial with multiple Hillclimb driver, Scott Moran, in the bouncing seat. They did well to finish 5th in the live axle class which, together with Alastair's class win at the first round of the Autotest championship gives him the top Allrounders total as of the end of March.

There have been no less than 5 different group scores so far this year which shows the wide range of points scoring opportunities available for contenders. It's also good to point out that those sitting in the left-hand seat of the rallies (if the driver is in the right-hand seat!) also qualify for points although you can't win the championship by just navigating/co-driving – a driving score must be included.

It is also good to report that there are already points scores who are under 25. Zak Linham has scored navigating points in Targa Road Rally and Bonnie Papper in co-driving in Forest Stages. Sophie Buckland started on the Malcolm Wilson Forest Rally but was unfortunately one of those who retired.

There is still plenty time left in the year to get those 6 counting scores. BUT, please don't leave it until December to get them!

Peter Cox



Stuart Perren and Brian Hodgkinson



Alastair Moffatt and Scott Moran



Darren and Sue Underwood

Photos with thanks to Geoff Robinson

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BTRDA Targa Rally Championship

It's big advancement for the BTRDA Targa Road Rally Championship. For the first time ever, the Targa has Gold and Silver Star status.

Gold Star is focussed on the best Targa crews on the best Targas in the country. Prove you're the best!

Silver Star has been requested by many crews who wish to compete on smoother Targas and also use their cars on other disciplines, such as Autosolos. Silver Star is ideal for BTRDA Allrounders Contenders, come and join in the fun.

We also have Shepherd Compello supporting the Championship. Take a look at their products, a wide range for competitors and event organisers shepherdcompello.com

Great thanks to Mr Tyre Motorsport for their invaluable support in the first two years of the Championship, we couldn't have started without you.

We also have more Championship Contenders than 2022, despite the cost of living crisis.

A very encouraging trend is for young Navigators – we have nine Under 25 Navigators, possibly inspired by our first and second Navigators in the 2022 Championship being aged 15 and 16. The Championship is a fantastic environment for Navigators to make their mark Nationally.

Some major changes and now the 2023 season is underway with one round completed - the Bath MC Festival Targa.

And what an event, using the circuit, access roads and Rally Stage at Castle Combe, plus Kemble, South Cerney and Charton Park. A stiff test to start the year. A great deal of competition at the front of the field, but déjà vu as John Davies and Nick Bloxham again emerged as the event winners.

Second driver in the points was John's son, Ethan. This was the main battle of the 2022 Championship, 2023 could be the same. But there are many others in the chase.

One of the Under 25 Navigators, Jamie Woolley, is now the leading Navigator.

Shepherd Compello Motorsport Insurance BTRDA Targa Rally Championship

The Classes are well supported. Inevitably the over 1400cc Expert Class is the most supported, but we also have good numbers amongst the Semi-Experts and Novices. Bleddyn Thomas and Sam Weller lead the over 1400cc Semi-Experts. Driver Richard Millbank leads the under 1400 Semi-Experts, with Aidan Thompson leading the Navigators. Gregg Penn leads the over 1400 Novice Drivers and Michelle Crouch the over 1400 Novice Navigators.

The Silver Star Championship gets started with the Stu Wood Targa at Chivenor on 16th April. It'll be intriguing to see who comes to the fore.

A brief note – Gold Star Contenders can score points on up to three Silver Star events, but they can't win the Silver Star Championship. This gives Gold Star Competitors a choice of a total of 17 Targas to choose from.

See you out there.

Alan Wakeman



Targa well represented at the Awards Luncheon
Left to right: Kieran Belcher, Aidan Thompson, Llinos Davies
and Sam Weller. Photo by Nick Pollitt



John Davies and Nick Bloxham
Photo by M&H Photography

MRF Tyres BTRDA® Rally Series



ICE & A SLICE JUST THE TONIC FOR ELLIOT

A burst of very wintry weather in the days leading up to the Malcolm Wilson Rally, the opening round of both the 2023 MRF Tyres BTRDA Rally Series and Motorsport UK English Rally Championship in association with Seacon UK, caused severe headaches for the organisers and led to a revamp of the original route which saw a number of stages cut from the itinerary due to the presence of snow and ice.

Notwithstanding, defending MRF Tyres BTRDA Gold Star® Champion Elliot Payne, with co-driver Tom Woodburn installed in his Fiesta Rally2 for the new season, belied his lack of experience in the prevailing conditions and, while additionally contesting the BRC (but foregoing the opportunity of a recce in order to qualify for BTRDA points), not only embarrassed some of his colleagues who had had sight of the stages the previous day but also began his campaign in the best possible way with maximum Gold Star points.

The aforementioned problems led to the BRC & BTRDA event routes being identical, although split into 'National' (BRC) and 'Interclub' (others) sections. Elliot & Tom were 3rd in the former but, winning the Interclub event outright, Arron Newby/Jamie Edwards' Skoda Fabia R5 finished 50s adrift to claim 2nd Gold Star points – just! With only the last of three runs through Greystoke to go, Matthew Hirst/Declan Dear (Fiesta R5) were leading the rally by 3.6s but then Newby, on his home turf, put up a gargantuan effort over the last 7.5 miles to stop the clocks 4s quicker than his rival to claim victory by a mere 0.4s. The pace, itself, would have been hot enough to melt the ice!

Russ Thompson/Steve Link continued where they left off in Class B13 at the end of last season by taking 4th overall – and maximum class points – in their Lancer EVO9, a handful of seconds in front of Ian Bainbridge/Will Atkins who have joined the Fiesta Owners' Club since their last BTRDA appearance in a Fabia. Keeping Thompson/Link honest in B13, Ian Joel/Graeme Wood's Escort Cosworth claimed a Top Six finish, staying marginally ahead of 2016 Malcolm Wilson winners Charlie Payne/Carl Williamson's Fiesta Rally2. Alistair Ginley/Craig Thorley belied their lack of recent (BTRDA) match practice by bringing their ex Payne Jr. Fiesta Rally2 to the finish in 8th place after a performance which included 2nd fastest time of the day through Grizedale South, immediately followed by a loss of 40s with a puncture in Grizedale North. You win some, you lose some!



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Ben Friend and Cliff Simmons showed that they've lost none of their competitive edge by taking their Historic spec. Escort MkII to a Top Ten finish in Cumbria, earning themselves maximum points in both the MRF Tyres BTRDA Silver Star[®] Championship and BTRDA Historic Cup in the process. Cumbrians Rob Wright/Mark Fisher (Escort), the defending Silver Star champions, were next while completing the two-wheel drive podium – and moving into an early BTRDA Rallye R2 Cup lead – were Robert Proudlock/Steven Brown in their Opel Adam.

Back for another season in their venerable Sunbeam VXR, Andy Davison/Tom Murphy missed out on 3rd Silver Star points by 1.5s, while Boyd Kershaw/Keegan Rees (Escort) opened their account with a Class B11 win.

Behind Proudlock/Brown in the BTRDA Rallye R2 Cup, the Fiestas of Liam Clark/Ben Wild and Alfie Hammond, who has moved up from Class 1400C and now has Phil Boyle to point him in the right direction, also had successful outings.

Nigel Jenkins has made his plans in respect of the Fuchs Lubricants BTRDA Bronze Star (1400) Championship abundantly clear! Having set the series alight with performances in their Nova during the second half of the 2022 season, Nigel and his wife, Kaz, started on the Malcolm Wilson Rally where they left off last autumn by clinching the overall 1400 category by almost a minute. Although the contest has only just started, the phrase 'laying down a marker' seems particularly apt here.

Next up were Lewis Hooper/Rhys Edwards in their Rally First Nissan Micra. No matter how hard they tried, the opposition had trouble shaking off Lewis' attention last year and, once again, all the signs are that we (or, more particularly, 'they'!) are in for more of the same... It goes without saying that Lewis & Rhys currently lead the MRF Tyres Rally First Cup.

Andrew & Oliver Wheatley's Puma (no – not an electric one!) comfortably cleaned up in Class 1400C, adding to the variety of the Bronze Star podium but, at the same time, only just holding off the Micra Kit Car of Ed James and 2022 BTRDA Lady Co-driver Champion Charlie Mason for the spot.

Kris Farrell/Harry Stubbs (Proton Satria) and Aaron Rix/Abi Haycock (Escort) finished line-astern in Class 1400S while the appearance of Giles Armitage/Josh Rhodes (Peugeot 205) means that Lewis Hooper may possibly not have an uninterrupted run to retain his Rally First Cup....

Andrew Hail



MRF Tyres BTRDA[®] Rally Series

The Motorsport UK English Rally Championship, in association with Seacon UK, also slid into action – literally! – on the Malcolm Wilson Rally and, such is the nature of the competition that a mere three points currently separate the top dozen drivers. Equal first following their performances on Round 1 are Elliot Payne (Fiesta Rally2), Robert Proudlock (Opel Adam), Nigel Jenkins (Nova) and Ben Friend (Escort). These four have Arron Newby (Fabia), Andrew Wheatley (Puma) and Russ Thompson (Lancer EVO9) breathing down their necks, and so on...

Contenders now have a couple of months to regroup before the Jedburgh-based Border Counties Rally beckons in early May. Then we'll see who is able to maintain their winning stance and continue their quest to carve out an advantage purely for themselves!

Further information on the MRF Tyres BTRDA Rally Series : www.btrdarally.com

Motorsport UK English Rally Championship : www.englishrally.co.uk

Andrew Hail



Gold Star leaders: Elliot Payne/Tom Woodburn



Silver Star leaders: Ben Friend/Cliff Simmons



Bronze Star leaders : Nigel & Kaz Jenkins

Photos with thanks to Kevin Money

Demon Tweeks Direct BTRDA® Autotest Championship

Testing Times

Another year kicks off with a slower start to the season with only 22 Championship registrations to date, but this is possibly due to a number of cars still being “work in progress” following the ravages of last season. One competitor we won’t see in action this year is Stuart Perren, who has decided to restrict his activities to Sporting Trials (it’s an age thing). His immaculately prepared Retrotester will remain on the circuit in the hands of third generation Autotester, Ben Haigh following in his grandfather’s tyre tracks.

The first round of the Championship took place at Curborough Sprint Course on the 12th March with the Hagley & District CC’s Jon Mackenzie Autotests. A disappointing entry of 23 was received, which was reduced to 20 on the day due to ill health, work commitments and the atrocious weather on the preceding days. For the first time that I can remember, there were no contenders in the Mini Class, could this be a sign for the future? Even class stalwart Dave Fox forsook his Nova engined example for a share in Stephen Morton’s Striker, possibly because he still hadn’t repaired the Mini from the Ken Wharton in October.

The Saloon Class saw Warren Gillespie battle with Dave Mosey, who was using his Nova rather than the Mini Special, all day finally beating him by 1.8 secs. With Toby Cook (Micra) third. Dave couldn’t get over the fact that the Nova required no work during the day compared with the Special which needed constant fettling (perhaps this is another reason for the death of Minis?).

The Sports Cars were well supported, although there was a high rate of attrition during the day. Honors going finally to Chis Chapman (Striker) from Willie Keanning (Striker). At the lunch break Chris was only 1.0 sec behind the 2022 Champion Alastair Moffatt (Mini Sp.) for FTD, however the afternoon tests saw Alastair pull well clear by 35.6 sec, leaving Sean Kell to take the Class Award.

One issue that arose during the day was a noise complaint from a local resident. Apparently he has an ongoing issue with HS2, which will run adjacent to the site, which has resulted in Curborough now having a problem with tyre squeal. This now means that it is unlikely that the start line area can be used as a test site in the future, thus restricting the venue, which is much loved by competitors.

Steve Layton

Demon Tweeks Direct BTRDA® Autotest Championship

The next round of the Championship is the Hereford Motor Club's Foxley event, which by the time you read this should have taken place, followed by Wolverhampton & South Staff's Staffordshire Knot at Seighford. Both offer interesting venues with plenty of natural obstacles to be avoided. The full Calendar is as follows and our thanks to Alwoodley and Knutsford for offering to run 2 rounds this year:

Date	Event / Club	Location
12th March	Jon Mackenzie Autotest Hagley & DLCC	Curborough Sprint Circuit
2nd April	Foxley Autotest Hereford MC	Foxley
23rd April	Staffordshire Knot Autotest Wolverhampton & SSCC	Seighford
14th May	Nic Ayre Memorial Autotest Alwoodley MC	Acaster Airfield
4th June	Loughborough CC	Coventry City Council Motofest
25th June	Tim Sargeant Memorial Autotest Knutsford & DMC	Demon Tweeks, Wrexham
Sat 15th July	"Maximum Attack" Autotest South of Scotland CC	TBA
20th August	"Alwoodley 2" Autotest Alwoodley MC	Acaster Airfield
10th September	Kennings Autotest Caernarvonshire & Anglesey MC	Anglesey Circuit
1st October	Knutsford Autotest Knutsford & DMC	Demon Tweeks, Wrexham



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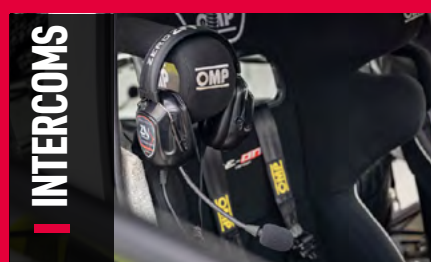
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Demon Tweeks Direct BTRDA® AutoSOLO Championship

The 2023 Gold Star demon tweeks AutoSOLO started on the 12th March where the 2022 season left off with Neil Jones taking a resounding FTD at Kemble airfield for the Devizes DMC round. His MX5 hasn't been modified under the bonnet, it just has two spot light brackets protruding from the front! Those brackets were a usual addition for the Knutsford Targa event last November where Neil won the event outright making Neil a true grassroots motorsport top man.

The winning 7.3 secs margin over Alec Tunbridge in his Caterham 7 at Kemble looked convincing but then then Alec did have a cone penalty on 2 runs on Test 3 which accounted for 5 secs of the deficit. Maybe the gap will be a bit closer when the courses are drier? It was good to see a saloon come next, Jamie Yapp in the his Clio Cup 172 going well to finish a further 3.6 secs back and beating the large number of MX5s (22 of them!). Eddie Martin and Liam Rollings were at the head of the chasing MX5 group with just 0.1 secs separating them after the 12 runs. It's going to be a competitive year in 2023.

It's always good to welcome new entrants to the championship and this year I'm sure at least 2 of them are going to have a high impact. They are father and son Chris and Ian Kent driving a Micra in Class A. Ian started driving when he was 14 and has rapidly advanced through AutoSOLOs. Last year he managed to beat dad on one occasion and at the first event this year Ian was only 7.3 secs behind Chris who also just pipped Alan Wakeman in a similar Micra. However, all of them were beaten by John Fox in a not so new machine, the Mini. It's going to be a good year for competition in Class A.



Neil Jones



Liam Rollings



Alec Tunbridge

Demon Tweeks Direct BTRDA® AutoSOLO Championship

I've been trying to tidy up my study over the winter (it's been a bit like tidying the chairs on the Titanic!) and amongst the paperwork there was the info from the MSA committee meetings of 2002 and 2003 on the early days of AutoSOLOs. There were also details of the very first event run by the Bristol MC, with Paul Parker and myself as joint C of Cs, held at Aust Services on the 19 May 2002. The Test 2 layout shown wouldn't be out of place at an event in 2023. Looking at the results it is interesting to see a saloon as FTD. It was won by no less than one of today's top competitors, Steve Conner, using his sprint set up Golf GTi. And where were the MX5s? There was not one of them on the list of 33! So, an interesting historical AutoSOLO question is a) when did a MX5 first take part and b) who was the first MX5 driver to get an FTD?

One thing which hasn't changed much since that first event is the habit of fwd cars is to compete using just 3 wheels. As you can see in Stuart Pollitt's article in Motorsport News in 2004, it was a Peugeot doing their best to reduce tyre wear whilst in 2023 it is far more likely to see a Nissan Micra performing the same trick – the picture is of Alan Wakeman at Kemble.

It has been a pleasure to have been involved in all the hard work in setting up the sport which continues to flourish with the introduction of younger drivers. And the most pleasing thing? Seeing all the competing cars being driven to the event in legal road going condition with full trim and seeing courses which stretch the talent of the best drivers.

Peter Cox



Test 2 Layout from 2002



Alan Wakeman



3 Wheeling Peugeot

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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.

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 2022

Allrounders	- Jamie Yapp
Asphalt Rally	- Steve Wood
AutoSOLO	- Neil Jones
Autotest	- Alastair Moffatt
Car Trials	- Kevin Roberts
Forest Rally	- Elliot Payne
Rallycross	- Jason Bleasdale
Sporting Trials	- Thomas Bricknell

Targa Road Rally Champion - John Davies
Targa Road Rally Champion Navigator - Sam Weller

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