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Multi BTRDA award-winning Allrounder 2023, Neil Jones

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President's Notes

The BTRDA are now the proud owners of car registration number B7 RDA. It has been gifted to the Association by former President, Brian Midgley. Brian was President for 18 years and retired the position in 2007. At the age of 91 years, he has decided that he would like to give us the plate in return for us sorting out an award in his name for a junior category in a discipline which the Board will decide at their next meeting. More news about this in the next edition of BTRDA News.

All Championships are now well under way for the 2024 season.

I would like to make special mention of our main sponsors of the Forest and Asphalt Rally Championships, that have allowed us to continue to provide the quality championships that are proving so popular. Protyre have agreed to sponsor another three years for the Asphalt Series and have also agreed to be our headline sponsor for the Forest Championship. We also have welcomed support from Fuchs Oils and REIS Insurance.

I would urge all members of BTRDA to support these companies when buying your tyres, oil and insurance as we need to support those who support us. This message should also cover all our sponsors of our nine Championships, without them our BTRDA Championships would be very different.

From information that I am receiving, club motorsport in general is struggling to match the numbers of previous years, but looking at the levels in almost all our Championships, this is not reflected for the majority of ours, especially the Protyre Asphalt Championship that has more than double the registrations from last year, so many congratulations to Paul Morris and his team.

Last weekend I marshalled on the Owen Car Trial run by BTRDA Directors Nick Pollitt and Tim Beard at the beautiful Apley Estate in Shropshire. I got very wet at times, and my car changed colour from red to brown, such was the mud in parts, but I had a super day running up and down the hills.

Its a great way to keep fit!

Mike Broad

Minutes of the 42nd Annual General Meeting of The British Trial & Rally Drivers Association Ltd
Held on Wednesday 24th January 2024 at 7.30 p.m. as a “Zoom” webinar
(77th AGM of the Association)

The Chair was taken by the President, Mike Broad, who welcomed the 22 members to the webinar.

1. Apologies for Absence:

Liz Cox, Janet and Phil Darbyshire, Simon Harris, Brian Midgley, Trevor Moffatt, Nick Pollitt, John Rook, Sue Underwood, Jamie Yapp.

2. To receive & approve the Minutes of the 41st AGM held on 24th January 2023

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

3. Treasurer’s Report

The Treasurer of the Association, Tim Beard, presented a positive resume of the 2022 and provisional 2023 results with a break-even forecast for the present year. The board was satisfied with the financial position and had welcomed a reduction in management charges post Covid. As members were well aware, membership fees had been held for 2024.

Tim expressed his thanks to the championship chairs for controlling finances and Richard Yapp and Paul Price for helping with the smooth running of the operation.

The President thanked Tim and Richard for unstinting services over the last year and confirmed that the Association remained in a strong position to support the various championships.

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

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

5. Election of a Director of BTRDA Ltd

Duncan Wild was unanimously nominated for reappointment as a Director of BTRDA Ltd and Jordine Crooks was unanimously nominated for appointment as a Director of BTRDA Ltd; there were no other nominations and no other vacancies.

6. Election of Council Members of BTRDA Ltd

Steve Layton and Richard Yapp retired by rotation and were both re-approved for nomination as Council Members of BTRDA Ltd; there were no other nominations and one vacancy remained with the possibility of being filled by co-option in the year.

7. Announcement of all Committee Chairmen and Committee Members

Steve Layton, as Chair of BTRDA Ltd and Council, presented a slide listing the members of all our committees with thanks to all committee members and gave a brief resumé of all the championships. Neil Mackay added that he anticipated at an open meeting next week stepping down as chair of the Car Trials committee after more than 30 years, with Mark Hoppé expected to take up that position. Steve noted the recent support for Rallycross at the Autosport International show.

8. Any Other Business

Neil Mackay suggested that a quick straw poll of the meeting be conducted to understand the preference for virtual or physical AGM’s. With Gemma Price’s kind co-operation behind the scenes to create a digital poll, the results returned were: Virtual 43%; Physical 36%; Neutral 21%.

There being no other business, the President thanked members for their attendance and the meeting closed at 7.57 p.m.

Fighting Motor Neurone Disease

Dave Hirst, one of Ian Joel Rallying key members was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease in the latter part of 2021. Dave has been a constant member of Ian's team since 1995 and has contributed massively to their rallying efforts particularly on the BTRDA Rally Championship.

Motor Neurone Disease is a fatal rapidly progressive neurological disease with no current cure. Life expectancy once diagnosed, is on average no more than five years although each case can be very different. MND has a degenerative effect on the nervous system and muscle control which effects the use of hands and arms, walking, speaking, swallowing and breathing. It is without doubt a horrible disease.

In response Graeme Wood, a member of BTRDA for many years and previously a member on the Rally Committee, has been fundraising throughout 2023.

He is the co-driver for Ian Joel in his Ford Escort Cosworth WRC and they are regular competitors in our Forest Championship.

He organised an auction and raffle for the BTRDA Forest Awards evening on the 27th January for the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

It raised an amazing £3760 on the night and so BTRDA will be sending £4000 to MNDA to help with Graeme's efforts.

If you are able, there is a Just Giving page for donations to the important cause:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/dave-hirst-mnd-2023#updates>



Demon Tweeks Bestfed BTRDA® Autotest Championship

Testing Times

We are delighted to announce that we have a new co-sponsor of the Championship this year as Sean Kell has very kindly agreed to support us via his Bestfed dog food brand. So the first round of the Demon Tweeks Bestfed BTRDA Autotest Championships was organised by the Hagley & District Light Car Club and took place at Curborough Sprint Course on the 10th March. There was a good entry of 26 competitors for this opening round as all were keen to get back into the flow with competitors travelling from as far as Kent and Dumfries. This entry was spread over four classes, once again it appears that the Mini Class will not be supported this year, with the majority in the Sportscar Class.

Unfortunately, the weather was not kind as it rained persistently throughout the day, however this did little to dampen the competitors' enthusiasm and although the lack of grip was responsible for several penalties, smiles were the order of the day. Due to the noise issue at Curborough it was restricted to 3 test sites, rather than the normal 4, run 5 times each during the day. As usual, Clerk of Course Malcolm Livingston produced challenging, but enjoyable test designs to tax the skill of the competitors.

From the start a battle for FTD emerged between Richard Pinkney (Caterham), Willie Keating (Striker), Chris Chapman (Striker) and Alastair Moffatt (Mini Sp.) and so it continued throughout the day with Alastair just keeping his nose in front before pulling clear of Richard Pinkney on the last round. Warren Gillespie in his Nova took the Saloon Class from Toby Cook's Micra; Richard Pinkney the Sportscars from Willie Keating; Dave Mosey was runner up to Alastair in the Specials and the Roadgoing Class was won by Lee Matthews from Anglesey in his first outing in the ex-Tim Sargeant Dutton B Plus, this being the car in which Tim won the overall Gold Star® Championship in 2000, from Luke Powell in his Westfield. Having mentioned Tim Sargeant's Dutton, it was sad to hear of the death of Bob Barker, who previously owned the car.



Sean Kell

Demon Tweeks Bestfed BTRDA® Autotest Championship

There hopefully appears to be a revival of interest in the Roadgoing class as a way of getting into Autotesting and gaining experience or returning to the sport in a less competitive car, possibly encouraged by MSUK's StreetCar promotions. We would therefore remind organisers that, when designing tests, they do not need to be tight to be challenging, so give the newcomers a chance by opening them up as the experts will still enjoy them.

On the subject of MSUK we were delighted that the new head of Cross Country and Club Sport, Steve Blakeman, attend the event to view what it turned out was his first Autotest and went away suitably impressed having had his ear bent by many of the competitors, several Championship Organisers and the BTRDA President. Hopefully he will be appearing at several more events during the year including Sporting and Car Trials as well as Autotests and AutoSOLOs during the year.

Unfortunately, we have lost one of our traditional rounds of the Championship as Herefordshire Motor Club were unable to secure their Foxley venue this year. Whilst it was always a bit of a Marmite site, particularly in later years as the surface deteriorated, it always proved to be exhilarating with the tests winding their way through the trees on concrete roads and by some will be sorely missed. We have therefore had to wait until the end of April for the return of the Maidstone & Mid Kent event at Ashford Livestock Market, followed the week after by Wolverhampton & South Staffs.

Finally, we understand that, subject to final discussions with the venue, the Ken Wharton Memorial Autotests will return in 2024 on October 12. More information to follow in due course.

Steve Layton



Lee Mathews & Luke Powell



2024 Autotest Championship Events Calendar

Date	Event / Club	Location
Sunday 10 th March	Jon Mackenzie Autotest Hagley & DLCC	Curborough Sprint Circuit
Sunday 24 th March	Foxley Autotest Hereford MC EVENT CANCELLED	Foxley
Saturday 20 th April	The Stephen Stringer Memorial Autotest Maidstone & Mid Kent Motor Club	Ashford Livestock Market, Ashford, Kent
Sunday 28 th April	Staffordshire Knot Autotest Wolverhampton & SSCC	Stafford Driving Centre, Seighford
Sunday 12 th May	Nic Ayre Memorial Autotest Alwoodley MC	Acaster Airfield,
Sunday 2 nd June	Loughborough CC	Coventry City Council Motofest
Sunday 23 rd June	Tim Sargeant Memorial Autotest Knutsford & DMC	Demon Tweeks, Wrexham
Saturday 13 th July	“Maximum Attack” Autotest South of Scotland CC	Kames Motorsport Complex, Muirkirk
Saturday 17 th August	Hartlepool & District Motor Club	Oakwood Autotest Arena, Eaglescliffe
Sunday 18 th August	Fern Motorsport Autotest Alwoodley MC	Acaster Airfield
Sunday 15 th September	Kennings Autotest Caernarvonshire & Anglesey MC	Trac Mon - Anglesey Circuit
Sunday 2 nd February 2025	Awards Presentation	Drayton Manor Hotel

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Demon Tweeks Direct BTRDA® AutoSOLO Championship

Before I start on reporting the 2024 activities of the BTRDA demon tweeks AutoSOLO championship contenders we must start off by putting in writing the results of the cliff hanger ending the 2023 season. It all depended on the results of the Bolton-le-Moors event at Three Sister where it was either Neil Jones in his MX5 or Alec Tunbridge in his Westfield who was going to be the Gold Star winner. Well, Neil had a good day, won the event outright and picked up the first of his 3 BTRDA Stars for 2023 activities.

So, what is happening in 2024? After 5 rounds it is 2 overall top scores for Neil and Alec with Michael Dolby in an MX5 the other one to score top points. At the time of writing there are 2 drivers on equal top scores. The first is Bob Milligan in a 1380 Mini and the other is Steve Dolby in the family MX5. How can a Mini do so well? First of all, have a driver from Ireland! Secondly, just drive it so neatly that it doesn't matter whether the tests are very open, as for the Devizes and District MC Kemble event and be consistent as Bob was at the Cannock event at Curborough where all times counted.

The Cannock event was the first time it was in the BTRDA AutoSOLO championship and did cause some confusion by having their own class structure. This put all cars with a lsd (limited slip differential) in a single modified class which turned out to be most of the BTRDA contenders – and 23 of the total entrants! Now, as a driver of a bog-standard Honda S2000 I didn't have the foggiest idea whether I have got an lsd driving the back wheels. If I had entered in the standard class, it would have been interesting to see what would have happened to the rollers used to test this if I had done the test! A good job I was not there! (For the avoidance of doubt, I had to look up the original spec for my 2005 car to see whether it came out of the factory with one fitted – it did!).

However, the championship does comprise events from across the UK and we must accept the variances that there are as regards event regs, test layouts, timing methods and number of runs to count. I have to say that so far, in my opinion, the best driver has always been the champion!

I have already mentioned my Honda S200 but it is good to welcome 2 other varieties of sports cars into the BTRDA AutoSOLO championship in 2024. The first variation is the Toyota MR2 of Mathias Hansen and the second is the Lotus Elise of Marek Wojciechowski. I observed both of them at Aston Down yesterday at the EMCOS round and it was the more back end driving of Mathias who scored the best with a 5th place overall on the day. Marek was equally as impressive with his neat style and just missed out on a top 10 place.



Honda S200 of Peter Cox
(Picture: Jack Frost)



Toyota MR2 of Mathias Hansen



Lotus Elise of Marek Wojciechowski

Demon Tweeks Direct BTRDA® AutoSOLO Championship

It's always good to see a variety of cars competing and this is shown by there being no less than 5 different types in the up to 1400cc saloon car class – Austin Mini, Fiat Cinquecento, Citroen AX, Micra and Nova. It's becoming one of the closest contended classes with all the cars being developed in one way or another – they won't tell me their full secrets! You can see from the picture of Patric Horrocks in the Fiat that often they seem to forget or ignore(?) that there are wheels at the back as it's the front wheels which do all the work and it's important to keep them on the ground.

There was also a variation in cars in Class B (up to 2000cc) at Aston Down when Alan Wakeman debuted his new car – no, not a big engine Micra! This car is an ex-road rally car and is a Peugeot 205 Gti, a vehicle that is getting quite rare these days. However, Alan is also aiming to use it for historic road rallies as it comes into the latest HRCR classification. So, wonder if there will be a push for a historic class in AutoSOLOs? If it is for old age drivers, then count me in!

Peter Cox

Top points after round 5

Bob Milligan	1380 Austin Mini	98
Steve Dolby	1893 Mazda MX5	98
Eddie Martin	2000 Mazda MX5	96
Patrick Horrocks	1368 Fiat Cinquecento	91
Neil Jones	2000 Mazda MX5	87



Patrick Horrocks



Alan Wakeman



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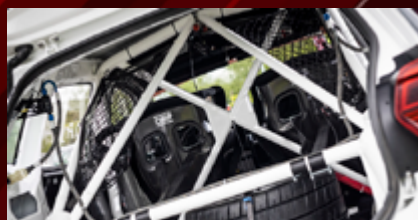
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Autosport International BTRDA[®] Clubman's Rallycross Championship

Round 1 - Blyton

The long winter break finally came to an end for the Autosport International BTRDA Clubmans Rallycross Championship at Blyton Park on Sunday 17th March with around 45 drivers assembling across seven classes, the morning's semi-flooded conditions giving way to sunshine by Finals time on a typical British spring day.

The largest field present belonged to the burgeoning SGS Gases FIA Cross Cars, with a whole host of new drivers and manufacturers joining for 2024. It was one of said newcomers, David Kane (MV Racing) who won two heats to take A Final pole with Richard Rees in the lone Mygale winning the other. Rees got away best in the A Final while there was near-disaster for Kane as he tangled with Liam McMullen (Speedcar Wonder) on the first turn and dropped back, the latter retiring. Rees controlled the pace for a debut victory with Jack Newman and Gareth Greer completing a podium lock-out for the rookies in their Speedcar Wonders. Further back B Final victor Dominic Flitney (LifeLive TN5) spun out late on and Kane retired after some ten-pin bowling into the road cones on Paddock corner, while defending champion Will Butler (YaCarCross) was fifth behind the LifeLive of Max Weatherly.

There was a lively start to the SG Haulage Supermodified A Final as Steven Rattue (MG ZR) crashed into the back of Cameron Whitley's Polo and was out with a loose bonnet, while David Bell made a flying start from the third row to chase heat winner Todd Crooks in a BMW Mini one-two. Phil Chicken and Gary Cook had won the other heats but the latter's Fiesta exited with damage entering the final lap following contact with Jonny Chrisp (Saxo). Crooks started his category title defence perfectly with the win ahead of Bell, while Chicken headed home Corey Padgett in their C2s in third and fourth, the latter making a fine senior debut.

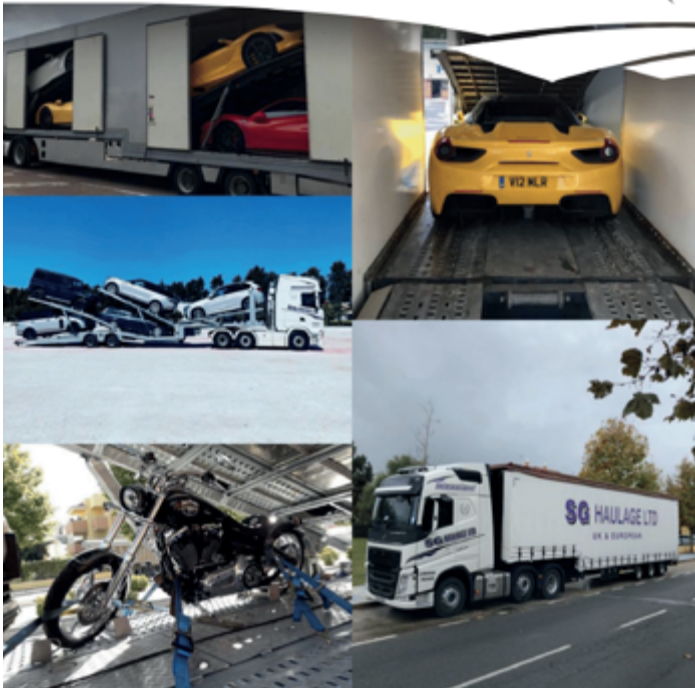
The Bone Street Autos BMW Mini A Final was red flagged when heat one winner and defending champion Ben Sayer was spun into the tyres after contact with Lyn Llewellyn and was out of the restart. Double heat winner David Ellis enjoyed a spirited scrap with Llewellyn at the second attempt and it was the Welsh veteran who came out on top, Harvey Harman holding off Wesley Wickens for third.



Phil Chicken & Corey Padgett

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Autosport International BTRDA® Clubman's Rallycross Championship

There was more Welsh success in the Melius Ltd Pre-'95 Classic division, as Marc Jones's rapid MR2 returned to its best form with the opening heat victory before Jamie McBain's all-new 205 GTi won heats two and three, but it was Jones who shot off the line in the A Final to lead.

Allan Tapscott's smart Mk2 Escort took over briefly with a daring dive into the hairpin but Jones was soon back ahead, while Thomas Edmunds – a welcome returnee following his big smash at Knockhill last year – briefly got his Corsa up to second but was spun out by an enthusiastic lunge from Tapscott and retired with broken steering. Tapscott went on for second, while Mk1 Escort pilot Dan Swayland passed McBain in the ensuing melee to complete the podium.

With last year's top three moving on up, Ben Bartlett started favourite for the AVM Junior class and took two heat wins to Tighe Wratten's one, the pair clashing on the opening lap of the A Final and it was Wratten who emerged in front and went on to score a maiden Final victory. Wratten however was judged to have cut a corner to gain an advantage following the opening lap contact and was docked to second behind Bartlett, while Elliott Fewster crossed the line third but a jump start penalty dropped him behind Hayden Harriss and Teddie MacPherson.

Just four MOT Group Production runners appeared, but they included the top three from last year's points chart and Martin Peters (Saxo), Mark Henry in the unique Alfa 147 and reigning champion Alex Fletcher (Civic) took a heat win each. Fletcher got away best in the A Final but a robust move out of the hairpin gave Henry the advantage and the Buckinghamshire man went on to victory, Peters coming through for second ahead of Fletcher and Dan Griffiths' C2.

**BTRDA CLUBMANS RALLYCROSS
2024 CALENDAR**

Knockhill Racing Circuit, Fife

Blyton Park, Lincolnshire

Pembrey Motor Racing Circuit, Wales

Lydden Hill, Kent

1 Blyton Park 17th March	5 Lydden Hill 17th August
2/3 Pembrey Circuit 27-28th April	6/7 Pembrey Circuit 7-8th September
4 Blyton Park 30th June	8 Knockhill Racing Circuit 20th October

The Auto Dynamix Modified 4x4 category turned into a series of match races between title holder Tomas Ramanauskas's Mitsubishi and the lone All4 Mini of Max Langmaid. Sadly the pair exchanged contact several times in the heats and things came to a head in the opening laps of the A Final with several heavy wallops between the two which left Langmaid out of the race, while Ramanauskas dragged his battered Evo 4 to the flag but was disqualified leaving no finishers.

Attention now turns to the first double-header weekend of the season at Pembrey in April, where grid numbers are expected to rise further.

Dave Goddard

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Exciting news for AVM this season as we are now running and Hiring out the YaCar Cross Karts as pictured to the right and below. Keep an eye out for us at the BTRDA events this year. Please feel free to pop by and ask any questions relating to the karts.



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BTRDA[®] Car Trials Championship



As I write this, I am all loaded up and ready to head 160 miles North from Dorset to the Ernest Owen Trial – the first round of our championship. It must be recorded that the small team at Owen have worked hard to make sure the event can go ahead- the weather has not been kind to off road motorsport so far this year.

I hope to add a paragraph at the end of this bulletin to celebrate our first winners of the year.....

We have had a few new faces join us this year in registering for the championship and we very much hope this is a trend to continue. Welcome to Blair Roebuck from Yorkshire, Gareth Jones from North Wales and Steve Hoskins from Monmouthshire. We also welcome back Graham Price – a neighbour of Steve's.

Gareth has joined forces with Kev Roberts in the Dutton – but has experience of a different form of car trials – in radio-controlled form. He has written me a little article on this which we will share in due course.

We have a slight increase in registered contenders and with the final being relatively central this year at new hosts, Falcon MC we are hopeful of plenty of contenders scoring points at 4 rounds to secure an invitation.

We have also juggled the calendar a little to smooth out the density of events across the season as well as geographically ensuring that big mileages don't need to be accumulated if it doesn't fit the contender.

Our calendar sees us taking our first visit to Falcon in 2024, 2 weeks after the Owen. Falcon have been a positive force in trials in their area and kick off with a 50-car entry.

We then head south to the Somerset weekend hosted by Windwhistle (Sat 4th) and Woolbridge (Sun 5th). We hope to see a good travelling contingent supporting these events.



John Charles on the super slippery Owen Car Trial at Apley



Tim & Charlie Dovey on the super slippery Owen Car Trial at Apley

BTRDA[®] Car Trials Championship

The committee recently held a zoom meeting with the 2024 organisers – this was very productive and goes some way to support my key objectives as I take the chairmanship- those of – communication, clarity of rules and numbers of competitors.

It was a positive evening which we may well repeat with those that could not attend. It was clear that organisers of trials do not necessarily know what happens at other events and the sharing of this knowledge is key to improving all events.

We still aim to run a training day in 2024 and are currently planning for Sat 8th June – on the day before the Wyre Forest Trial.... watch our website and socials for news on this event.

We have been lucky enough to gain some financial support this year from 2 sponsors.

DJ Transport & Installations are our main sponsor and DES – Development Engineering Services are our silver star sponsor. Please do visit their websites and utilise their offerings if you can. Please support those that support the sport!

We have again tailored the classes after listening to the feedback last year – we hope to see more contenders because of this -as well as opening opportunities for Allrounders competitors to come and score some valuable points with us.

Update from the Owen MC event.....

A day of 2 halves – wet, drying-wet would probably be the summary – but a great fun, enjoyable round 1 of the championship with some close battles – A fuller report will feature from one of our contributors.

Finally – my personal thanks to Neil Mackay for his support as he has transitioned from Chairman of the car trials committee to a valuable committee member, whilst I have grasped the baton to try and take trials forward.

Mark Hoppe



Neil Mackay in Rupert North's Alto



Dave Oliver receiving the Ernest Owen Trophy from CofC Nick Pollitt

BTRDA[®] Car Trials Championship

Ernest Owen Trial - April 7 2024

Sunday 7th April 2024 saw the commencement of the 2024 BTRDA Car Trials season with the Ernest Owen Trial, hosted by Owen Motor Club on the Aspley estate near Bridgenorth.

The rain over the past few weeks may have threatened the event from going ahead but an inspection during the week showed that the ground on the slopes was draining well allowing the trial to go ahead.

On the day with poor weather and more rain expected throughout the day it was decided to reduce the number of hills to three rounds of seven.

This year has seen a revision of the classes with 18 competitors spread over three classes, most of last year's Class B contenders returned to the standard front wheel drive Class A.

With several previous National and Gold star champions it is likely to be highly competitive throughout the year. Class B saw three local championships entrants with the remainder of competitors in Class D for the series production cars and Kit cars.

From the start conditions on the hills were very slippery with soft ground being easily dug up with spinning wheels bringing cars to an abrupt halt. Conditions did improve slightly for the second round with wind and brief sunshine drying some of the hills allowing a significant improving in the scores.

But conditions deteriorated as the afternoon approached with some heavy showers making some of the hills a sea of mud.

In Class A there was a close contest between reigning National Champion Tim Dovey, his son Charlie and Mark Hoppe. All three were within a few points of each other at the end of each round.

Tim Dovey took the Class win a few points ahead of Charlie who was 1 point against Mark.

Trevor Moffatt was a further 15 points behind followed by Rupert North and Neil Mackay. First time BTRDA contender Blair Roebuck was awarded the Novice award.

In Class B Philip Buckle in his well-prepared Saxo took an instant lead over fellow contenders Peter Hilleard and Colin Reid and held onto it for the remainder of the event taking the class win. Peter and

Colin had a close contest all day with Peter narrowly pulling ahead of Colin to finish second.

In Class D there were some high scores compared to the standard front wheel drive cars. The conditions proving very tricky for the rear-wheel-drive cars. 2023 Gold Star Champion Barrie Parker brought out his classic trials MR2 with the Liege in the garage having some work done. It was double driven with Garry Preston and they both made hard work of the conditions.

Dave Oliver in his Imp made the most of the short period of drying conditions to open up a significant lead over closest contender Kevin Roberts.

After indexing Dave Oliver was awarded 1st Overall with Kevin Roberts getting 1st in class.

A big thank you to Nick Pollitt, Tim Beard and the rest of the team for persevering against the conditions and hosting an enjoyable trial.

Trevor Moffatt

BTRDA[®] Sporting Trials Championship

As ever we started 2024 with our Gold and Silver Star Final up in a cold and snowy Cumbria. It was a fabulous event, and huge thanks must go to the Northern Phoenix Trials Car Club who did a wonderful job running the event in very difficult circumstances.

As we all travelled up on the Friday, the trials site was still under a considerable amount of snow, but, with the promise of an overnight thaw, making the setting out of suitable hills a real guessing game. The thaw came and Gale Hall was on the day in great condition. The hills developed and evolved over the day and produced a superb challenge for all involved.

Two drivers were head and shoulders above the rest with Josh Veale and Thomas Bricknell locked in battle all day for the win. In the end, Thomas shaded the win by 3 points with the two of them nearly 20 points ahead of a close battle for third position.

The win capped off a remarkable season for Thomas as he won back-to-back Gold Stars to match his back-to-back Motorsport UK British Championships. The Silver Star was won by Jeff Armistead on home territory. You can read the full report on the sportingtrials.co.uk website.

At this stage of the season, we would have hoped to have had 7 events under our belts but unfortunately one of the wettest winters in memory has meant we have lost a couple of events to the elements. Of the five events that have run so far this year Thomas has as you can imagine continued his good form taking three wins and a 2nd in the events he has competed in and is odds on favourite to take up a third Championship title this year. His early season wins have also moved Thomas into the top 10 of the all-time sporting trials winners list. The only round so far that we have had in Ireland was won by Trevor Aston.

Speaking of Ireland, we are delighted to inform everyone that we will once again be returning to Northern Ireland for the Gold and Silver Star final which will take place in Jan 2025. The last time we were in Northern Ireland for the final was in 2010 and it was a wonderful event all around, so this visit is well overdue.

Preparations are well underway led by David Webster and his team in Northern Ireland and we have been promised a very warm welcome so we would encourage you to set a marker in the diary for the 18th of Jan.

We have five events left before the summer break and we pray for better weather and more great events. See you all on the hills soon.

Sandy Veale



Gold Star Winner - Thomas Bricknell



Silver Star Winner - Jeff Armistead

Protyre BTRDA® Rally Series



OUT WITH THE OLD!

As we bid a warm welcome to Protyre, headline sponsor of the 2024 BTRDA Rally Series, and Reis Motorsport Insurance for the Motorsport UK English Rally Championship – both of which started on the Malcolm Wilson Rally – Elliot Payne, the first driver to take back-to-back BTRDA Gold Star Championship titles for nearly thirty years, has returned in an attempt to extend his run of success still further. Elliot's familiar Fiesta Rally2 is also sporting a new livery, in deference to a change of sponsor, for the forthcoming season.

Reunited with Patrick Walsh, his co-driver for his 2022 Gold Star title, Elliott romped home to a convincing win on the Malcolm Wilson Rally although, certainly to start with, he didn't have things all his own way! The event included a couple of stages on the Friday evening which didn't seem to faze him, setting equal fastest time on the opener in Comb to put himself into the pound seats. Walsh, meanwhile, found himself tying with Hannah McKillop – in a manner of speaking! Then, she was the fastest BTRDA-registered co-driver through Hobcarton, her driver stopping the clocks marginally ahead of Matthew Hirst/Declan Dear (Fiesta R5) and Series newcomer Vivian Hamill (VW Polo).

Suitably revived by a night's sleep, Payne/Walsh set FTD on Saturday's first stage, Wythop, by the narrowest of margins from Hamill with, in BTRDA terms, a returning Perry Gardener/Jack Bowen (Fiesta R5) and Russ Thompson/Steve Link (Lancer EVO9) next. Hamill then claimed the first run through Greystoke for himself before Payne/Walsh moved up a gear to do likewise in both Grizedale stages, such that a relatively slow time – by their standards – on the final stage didn't affect the overall result.

Scott Beattie/Peredur Davies (Fiesta R5) were 5th overall (3rd/2nd BTRDA), having recorded Top Ten times on six of the event's seven stages, with Thompson/Link, Daniel Sigurdarson (Fiesta R5) and Hirst/Dear finishing line astern with a mere 18s separating the three cars. Liam Clark/Emily Easton-Page (Fiesta Rally2) arrived back at Penrith in 11th place, with Gunnar Johannesson/Isak Gudjonsson (Fiesta R5), Pat Naylor/Ian Lawrence (Lancer EVO9) and Daniel Hiorns/Rob Fagg (Fiesta S2000t) all claiming some valuable points. However, following an inversion, the Hiorns/Fagg Fiesta will require a degree of TLC before it is returned to its owner, Graham Coffey!



Elliot Payne & Patrick Walsh





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Andrew Purcell/Mark McGeehan's Polo succumbed to brake issues after the opening stage, while Protyre BTRDA Asphalt Championship regulars Neil Roskell/Dai Roberts were sidelined when their Fiesta Rally2 developed 'drive train issues' on SS5 which is where Daniel Moss/Samuel Davies (Lancer EVOX) also departed the fray when they slid down a bank! Sadly, Perry Gardener/Jack Bowen's return to the BTRDA Series didn't go as planned when their Fiesta R5 was pulled up (eventually!) with a lack of brakes and Steve Pawson/Liam Whiteley (Impreza) left it until the last stage before rolling!

Andy Davison/Tom Murphy (Sunbeam VXR) have started their 2024 Protyre BTRDA Silver Star Championship campaign off in fine style with maximum points in Cumbria. While Murphy won the Co-drivers' category in 2019, Davison has yet to have his name etched on the Silver Star trophy – so, no prizes for guessing what's top of their agenda! However, but for the addition of a one-minute road penalty to Ben Jemison's time, the results would have looked somewhat different in that a Vauxhall Chevette HSR would currently be leading the Protyre BTRDA Silver Star® Championship! In spite of this setback, Jemison must take solace from the knowledge that his performance on the Malcolm Wilson Rally was sufficient to put him into the lead of the Reis Motorsport Insurance BTRDA Historic Cup at this point.

Keeping Jemison honest in both Silver Star and the Historic Cup following the opening encounter are Steve Ward/Phil Sandham (Escort MkII). One place, and three seconds, behind them in the results, Agnar Sigurdsson/Valgardur Davidsson also claimed maximum BTRDA Rallye R2 Cup points in their Fiesta. The London-based Icelanders (one of several such crews who have registered for the BTRDA Series this year) finished ahead of the similar car of Garry Whitney/Karl Keating, but Lewis Hooper/Rhys Edwards' hopes of joining them evaporated on SS4 when their particular example ground to a halt.

Until shortly before the event, the entry list for the Malcolm Wilson Rally included 2021 Bronze Star Champion Steve Black in his Suzuki Swift, along with Jack Morton on the notes. Unfortunately a bout of ill-health forced a rethink and Steve's son Callum, the 2019 1400 winner and current Protyre Asphalt Rally Champion, took over the entry – and co-driver! Very successfully, as it turned out as, notwithstanding intermittent power steering pump issues and a dodgy clutch, Callum & Jack brought the Suzuki home to take maximum points in the Fuchs Lubricants BTRDA Bronze Star (1400) Championship.

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As you might expect, Nigel & Kaz Jenkins, who are defending their 2023 Bronze Star title in the familiar green Nova, weren't about to give up easily. The final difference was 22s in the Suzuki's favour, with the Nova of Will Banks/Matt Baddeley taking the final podium spot and Class 1400C – albeit some way back! Dylan Fowler-Bishop/Dan Evans (Micra) looked to be on course for the class but a driveshaft pulled out on the final stage and six minutes were spent effecting repairs. First one to say 'that's rallying' gets it!

Chris Greenall's Nova was 3rd 1400S and then, having originally entered in their Samba, only for its head gasket to fail in the days leading up to the event, Mat & Dan Evans resorted to their Peugeot 205 and, coping with a minor engine malady on the final stage, arrived at the finish a mere three seconds behind it!

Ashley Francis-Adams/Mark Ammonds (Micra) were the only other finishers in Class 1400S following the departure of both Dale Glover/David Smalley (Alfasud Ti) and Chris Bush/Robert Jones (Corsa) with mechanical bothers on SS5 & SS6 respectively. Giles Armitage/Josh Rhodes (Peugeot 205) took first blood in the battle for the BTRDA Rally First Cup, finishing a minute ahead of Alfie Hammond/Peter Williams' Fiesta.

The Reis Motorsport Insurance Motorsport UK English Rally Championship also took its first steps on the Malcolm Wilson Rally and with class rivalry, rather than outright power, at its heart, we can always expect more than one leader at this early stage of the season. Elliot Payne/Patrick Walsh (Fiesta Rally2) and Callum Black/Jack Morton (Suzuki Swift) journeyed home from Cumbria as joint leaders, with Ben Jemison (Chevette HSR) and Agnar Sigurdsson (Fiesta R2) also currently locked in mortal combat, one point adrift of the leaders, and Steve Link (Lancer EVO9) and Valgardur Davidsson (Fiesta R2) similarly joined at the hip as co-drivers!

The Border Counties Rally (11th May) is the next opportunity for everyone to have a crack at altering the current pecking order but, with a total of six more rounds to go, there's plenty of time for whoever is to be 2023 Champion Ernie Graham's successor to make their mark!

Andrew Haill



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REIS Motorsport Insurance BTRDA Targa Rally Championship

An exciting start to the year at the Bath Motor Club Festival Targa, based at Castle Combe.

James Appleby and Sam Treleaven moved into an immediate lead with existing BTRDA Gold Star Champion, John Davies and Nick Bloxham, not far behind.

However, some Test penalties at South Cerney enabled John Davies to close the gap, with John and Nick taking the lead to win the event.

Many may be pleased to hear that John won't be defending his title in 2024, he's won the Championship for every year which the Championship has run! But John will be supporting the Championship going forward.

This means that James Appleby leads the REIS Motorsport Insurance BTRDA Gold Star Drivers' Championship, with Gary White, Trevor Disney and Steve Burles not far behind.

Zak Linham leads the Navigators' (Zak was navigating for Huw Morris and finished 8th overall). with Simon Blackshaw and Tilly Burles on his heels.

It was great to see so many Silver Star contenders out on the Festival, sampling what Gold Star rounds can be like. All greatly enjoyed the experience and will be back for more.

John Fox now leads the Silver Star Drivers, and last year's Champion Aled Jones leading the Navigators. The Silver Star crews fared well with no retirements (unlike the Gold Star entrants). Oliver Beart (navigating for John Fox). Allen and Jonathan Hart had a solid run, as did Simon and Daryl Bailey – points make prizes!



James Appleby & Sam Treleaven



Gary White & Aled Jones



Huw Morris & Zak Linham

REIS Motorsport Insurance BTRDA Targa Rally Championship

There were also Championship Contenders collecting Marshal points, the generous Marshal score placing them well in the Championship table.

Looking further afield, registration numbers for the Gold Star Championship are rather disappointing this year. The Welsh crews are being missed!

However, this means that there's a greater chance for others to take the overall win. Register quickly, there's a flurry of events coming up and only four to count for the Championship.

Silver Star registrations are solid, attracting many from Autosolos and other disciplines. If you're doing Autosolos and/or Allrounders, you should be looking at Targas as well, and vice versa.

The Championship isn't standing still, there are many new innovations being introduced.

The BTRDA Championship organisers are being pulled together to share ideas and best practices, improving Targas for all.

We also have new awards and incentives being introduced for the championship eg JD Tyres, Classic Race and Rally and Motordrive. Details of the awards on offer to follow.

If you're considering entry to the Championship, act quickly.

See you out there.

Alan Wakeman

Calendar:

Gold Star

Round	Date:	Club:	Event Name:	Location:
1	24th February	Bath MC	Festival Rally	Castle Combe
2	16th June	Dukeries	Ystra	
3	21st July	DeLacy	DeLacy Targa	Catterick
4	24th August	Bournemouth	Bovington	
5	August/September	116	116 Targa	Cerrigydrudion
6	26th October	Tavern MC	Exmoor	
7	17th November	Knutsford & District	Knutsford Targa	Parkwood Outdoor

Silver Star

Round	Date:	Club:	Event Name:	Location:
1	14th April	North Devon	Stu Wood Targa	Chivenor
2	4th May	061	061	Weeton, Preston
3	2nd June	Oxford MC	Kemble Targa	Kemble
4	4th August	Ross	Hatsford	Hatsford
5	1st September	Anglia MSC & Wickford	Debden Targa	Debden
6	20th October	Caernarvonshire & Anglesey	Trac Mon	Anglesey

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I must record the final results of the 2023 BTRDA Allrounders championship with the news that Neil Jones did in fact win the Gold Star and, also, the DAVIJON trophy for being the best using the same car. It was indeed a meritorious result for Neil to add to his Gold Star for winning the AutoSOLO championship and a Silver Star for winning the single venue Targa series. It took quite a big box to carry out his trophies, and Stars, from the Drayton Manor Pak hotel awards luncheon in February!

Of interest is the history of the DAVIJON trophy which Janet Darbyshire has helpfully recorded as; “The DAVIJON Trophy was presented by DAve, VI and JONathon Lucas way back to encourage the use of just one car over the disciplines, it was first awarded in 1984 to Nick Pollitt in the Nova. This will be a fitting tribute to Dave Lucas who sadly passed away at the beginning of the year.”

How did I get on with estimating the number of qualifiers? Well, it ended up at 14 which wouldn't have earned me too many pennies if I had had a flutter at the local bookies. There were another 3 entrants who were just one event shy of adding to that number. Of course, the moral of this is to make sure you get as many event scores as possible in at the beginning of the year rather than leaving it to the last minute.

One aspect of this which may be helpful is the number of events that allow electric vehicles to compete is increasing. Indeed, my local ACSMC Sprint championship is allowing them to register for the championship. The desire and reality are yet to be seen for the events themselves.

FINAL RESULTS and Award winners

CHAMPION	Peter Cooper Trophy	Neil Jones	107.44
RUNNER UP	Darbyshire Trophy	Jamie Yapp	105.06
THIRD	Margot Young Trophy	Zak Linham	103.59
One Car	DAVIJON Trophy	Neil Jones in a Mazda MX5	
Under 25	Duckham Trophy	Zak Linham	

Other Qualifiers:

John Fox, Richard Crozier, Liam Rollings (MX5), Alastair Moffatt, Kieran Belcher, Alan Wakeman (white Micra), Luke Powell (Westfield), Simon Harris, Richard Yapp, Holly Woolley (youngest ever qualifier) and Duncan Wild.

A further sixteen members took part in the Championship, some very close to qualifying, and fourteen scored points.



Bob Milligan



Richard Yapp
(Picture: Jack Flash Photography)

BTRDA® Allrounders Championship Supported by Crystal Images

For 2024 there has been a big block of scoring from Allrounder entrants scoring at AutoSOLO events. It may be because there have been 6 of them already spread across the UK! So, it is fitting that at the time of writing the top points score, Bob Milligan has 3 good AutoSOLO scores plus already a second type of event score with an Autotest score. There is not a big level of entries for autotests these days so it will be difficult to do well relying on this group. However, there are a growing number of road cars entering the “road going” class at Autotests where the best Allrounder should have a good chance to score well. An example of this can be seen down at Ashford Cattle market for the Steve Stringer Memorial Autotest run by the Maidstone & Mid Kent MC where there are already 4 entered for the road going class on the 20th of April. It will be a tribute to the memory of Steve who was a stalwart of the BTRDA Allrounders championship back in the 1980’s.

Heading the table of scores at the moment is Bob Milligan who has used his old style mini so well over the last few years. Having seen him drive at the last 2 AutoSOLO events it doesn’t seem to matter whether the course is tight or open the spot-on lines taken by Bob results in the quickest times in the class – see the picture for his accurate positioning. It just so happens that he also does well on overall placings but for Allrounders it is only the class position which gives the scores. Of interest, if you just take the top 3 current entrants 3 best AutoSOLO scores there will be just 0.45 points separating Bob, 2024 champion Neil Jones and 5 times champion Jamie Yapp. I won’t give the order, as by the time you read this it will be different! However, it does show that winning isn’t easy. Neil has commented that he won’t be doing the same number of events as last year, 25 of them! So maybe a chance for others of winning that top place?

We haven’t recorded any scores for Sporting Trials, Rallycross, Forest Rallies or Speed yet which does give plenty of opportunity for this year’s entrants to get out and score points. See you at an event nearby?

Peter Cox

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It's been a record-breaking start to the Protyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship, with 190 registered competitors (116 drivers and 74 co-drivers) making it more popular than at any time since the heyday glory years of the mid-1980s.

As the double header Manx National Rally (10/11 May) approaches, it's a good time to reflect on the opening Legend Fires Northwest Stages (22/23 March) and what the championship standings are going into rounds two and three.

James Williams overcame some pretty wintry conditions to score maximum points in his new Orange Amplifiers Hyundai i20 N Rally2 over the challenging Lancashire lanes.

Neil Roskell has finished Protyre Asphalt runner-up twice and completing his hat-trick is not something the Blackpool driver is aiming to do this year. He got his championship campaign off to a great start by taking home second-placed points in his ND Civils/Lomand Plant Hire/Hauraton Drainage Products/Witham Motorsport Fiesta Rally2, while Dai Roberts takes the lead in the co-drivers' standings.

Mark Kelly is playing down his chances of winning this year's Protyre Asphalt title, and whilst he lacks time in his Kelmore Škoda Fabia R5 he certainly doesn't lack speed – as he and co-driver Will Atkins completed the first Protyre Asphalt podium of 2024 with a strong third-placed points finish.

Hugh Brunton/Drew Sturrock (Škoda Fabia Rally2) had a mixed day of good and not so good stages, but left with a fourth-place points finish, Simon Bowen//Craig Simkiss (Ford Fiesta S2000T) lost time with a puncture but still took fifth, while 2022 champion Steve Wood adopted a risk-free approach and finished sixth, with Kenny Hull alongside in his Sligo Pallets Citroën C3 Rally2.

An inspired tyre choice in the afternoon helped William Hill to another giant-killing finish. Co-driven by Peredur Wyn Davies, the Hills Ford Fiesta Rally3 driver took home seventh-placed Protyre Asphalt points and won class B14 in the four-wheel drive 1.5 litre EcoBoost engine M-Sport built car.

Darren Atkinson/Matt Daniels were on sensational form, and despite the extremely slippery conditions took home ninth-placed overall points (one place behind Stephen Simpson/Mark Glennerster in their Tudor Glass Fiesta Rally2) and winning both class B13 and the Escort Challenge in their Haldane Fisher Escort Mk2.



James Williams



Mark Kelly & Will Atkins



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Defending Protyre Asphalt champions Callum Black/Jack Morton led after the opening two stages but hit the back of their Pallas Connections Fiesta Rally2 on SS3. The 586 Sports crew thought they were out, but when the following two stages were scrapped, they were able to repair the broken wheel assembly and return to the event. Having been given a stage maximum time of nine minutes for SS3, they thundered through the afternoon's five stages to salvage 10th-placed points.

The slippery conditions caught out a few of the Protyre Asphalt favourites. James Ford/Neil Shanks crashed their Sligo Pallets Citroën C3 Rally2 on the opening stage, David Wright/Paula Swinscoe crashed their Fix Auto/Grove Hill Garage/Dampertek Ford Fiesta R5 on SS2, John Stone/Laura Marshall put their Legend Fires Volkswagen Polo GTI R5 into a ditch and Kevin Davies/Owain Davies hit mechanical issues in their Cobra Hydraulics Volkswagen Polo GTI R5.

Nikki Addison/Iain Thorburn had a great run to class B12 victory in their Honda Civic. The Inverness driver also takes the lead of the new Ladies' Challenge class. Former Scottish Ladies' rally champion Ashleigh Morris was second in the Ladies' Challenge in her Fiesta R200, while Emma Morrison takes the lead in the co-drivers' section.

Kalum Graffin won the Protyre Asphalt Junior and class B11 categories. Co-driven by Richard Crozier, the Toomebridge youngster was outstanding in his KG Motorsport/Kilmac Group/Lyons Road Transport/Woodland NI Peugeot 208 Rally4.

Rory McCann/Paul McCann won class B10 in their Metalways Honda Civic,

Simon Hunter/Howard Pridmore won class B9 in their Kwiktrak Vauxhall Corsa S1400, Geoff Roberts (co-driven by Steve Hallmark) takes the early lead in the BTRDA Historic Asphalt Cup after a great drive in his Escort RS1800 Mk2, while Martin Melling/Neil MacDonald won the Plastics4Performance Mini Challenge.

Don't forget you can still catch up with all the action from the North West Stages on the Special Stage TV Facebook and YouTube channels, plus the new specialstage.tv.

Paul Evans

North West Stages – top 10 registered 2024 Protyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship finishers:

1. James Williams/Ross Whittock (Hyundai i20 N Rally2)....45mins 10.5secs
2. Neil Roskell/Dai Roberts (Ford Fiesta Rally2)....46mins 00.0secs
3. Mark Kelly/Will Atkins(Škoda Fabia Rally2)....46mins 03.2secs
4. Hugh Brunton/Drew Sturrock (Škoda Fabia Rally2)....46mins 46.5secs
5. Simon Bowen/Craig Simkiss (Ford Fiesta S2000T) 47mins 40.4secs
6. Steve Wood/Kenny Hull (Citroën C3 Rally2)....47mins 43.4secs
7. William Hill/Peredur Wyn Davies (Ford Fiesta Rally3)....48mins 15.9secs
8. Stephen Simpson/Mark Glennerster (Ford Fiesta Rally2)....48mins 21.1secs
9. Darren Atkinson/Matty Daniels (Ford Escort Mk2)....48mins 26.8secs
10. Callum Black/Jack Morton (Ford Fiesta Rally2)....48mins 27.6secs

2024 Protyre Motorsport UK Asphalt Rally Championship – top 6 drivers' overall after Round 1:

1. James Williams....30pts
2. Neil Roskell....28pts
3. Mark Kelly....27pts
4. Hugh Brunton....26pts
5. Simon Bowen....25pts
6. Steve Wood....24pts

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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.

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 2023

Allrounders	- Neil Jones
Asphalt Rally	- Callum Black
AutoSOLO	- Neil Jones
Autotest	- Alastair Moffatt
Car Trials	- Barrie Parker
Forest Rally	- Elliot Payne & Tom Woodburn
Rallycross	- Fred Ling
Sporting Trials	- Thomas Bricknell
Targa Road Rallies	- John Davies

2023 Special Award Winners

The Stross Rally Trophy	- Callum Black
The Jack Twyford Trophy	- not awarded in 2023
The John Gott Memorial Trophy	- Ian Arden
The Patricia Baldwin Trophy	- not awarded in 2023
The Automobile Club de Monaco Trophy	- Ernie Graham