

CHAMPIONSHIP NEWSLETTER No. 1 – 2019

Welcome to the 2019 Jordan Road Surfacing BTRDA Rally Series and MAXXIS Motorsport UK 2019 English Rally Championship. Thank you to all who registered last year and we welcome all those who have registered for the 2019 Jordan Road Surfacing BTRDA Rally Series. Serious Fun is our tag line and we have every expectation that 2019 will live up to that ethos.

The purpose of this newsletter is to explain a few bits and pieces in advance of your first event. We hope you find it helpful, but if you have any questions about the BTRDA Rally Series please contact us.

You should have received your BTRDA membership card, or if you have recently registered it will be with you shortly. Don't worry if it hasn't arrived in time for the Cambrian Rally (16th February) as we will have access to the Membership database to confirm your membership.

For those competitors who have not yet registered for 2019 then you can do so via the on-line BTRDA membership registration system www.btrdarally.com >> Competitors, or print off a Registration form from the championship website and send it to Paul Price, the Membership Secretary. If all else fails, you can register at the BTRDA desk at any of the championship events. (Registrations close after the NG Stages).

The membership card carries your BTRDA Club membership number and your BTRDA Championship registration number (drivers start with a 7 and co-drivers with a 2). Your registration also includes eligibility for the **MAXXIS** Motorsport UK 2019 English Rally Championship which starts on the Malcolm Wilson Rally.

The 2019 Jordan Road Surfacing BTRDA Rally Series calendar includes 7 very popular one-day forest events. Your final championship results will be based on your **best 5 scores**.

1	CAMBRIAN RALLY	16th February	North Wales
2	MALCOLM WILSON RALLY	9th March	Lake District
3	RALLYNUTS STAGES RALLY	13th April	Mid Wales
4	PLAINS RALLY	11th May	Oswestry
5	NICKY GRIST STAGES	13th July	Mid Wales
6	EVENTSIGNS WOODPECKER STAGES	31st August	Shropshire/Welsh Borders
7	TRACKROD FOREST STAGES	28th September	North Yorkshire

CHAMPIONSHIP SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS

We are pleased to confirm that all our 2018 sponsors are continuing with us in 2019. **JORDAN ROAD SURFACING** are our title sponsor, whilst **MAXXIS Tyres**, **Revolution Wheels**, **Mintex** and **REIS** will again be providing invaluable support. We warmly welcome Fuchs Lubricants (UK) who have taken on the mantle of headline sponsors of what we hope will be a rejuvenated BTRDA 1400 Championship for the new season.

We are grateful to all our sponsors and we look forward to working with them during the forthcoming year. We are always looking for additional supporters, so if anyone wishes to be associated with us in 2019 and beyond please contact Neil Cross, Rally Committee Chair trec1.nec@btinternet.com

DECALS – FIRST ISSUE AND REPLACEMENT

Championship decals will be posted out to all drivers who are registered for 2019, up to the 5th February so you should receive them in time to put them on before the first event. These decals (1 x screen strip and 2 x sponsor panels- 375mm x 265mm; one for each side of the car) must be displayed on the rally car to qualify for Championship points. Those not registered by 5th February can collect them from the BTRDA signing on desk of



your first event in the BTRDA series. Replacement decals are available, but a small charge may be made to cover admin costs.

VISIT CONWY CAMBRIAN RALLY – 16th FEBRUARY

The Visit Conwy Cambrian Rally will once again start the championship season off in Llandudno. For 2019 the event will include a selection of the best 44 forest stage miles in North Wales, with a compact road route along with a new central service area in Llandudno Town Centre. North Wales Car Club have already received a strong entry so if you have not yet entered the event then you should do so as soon as possible at www.cambrianrally.co.uk

MALCOLM WILSON RALLY – 9th MARCH

Entries are now available for the Malcolm Wilson Rally, Round 2 of the BTRDA Rally Series and Round 1 of the Motorsport UK 2019 English Championship. Regulations and online entries are now available at www.malcolmwilson.co.uk a £50 deposit secures your entry. The event includes iconic stages such as Grizedale North and South and Greystoke. The event is based in the friendly town of Cocker mouth and the event will again start in the nearby M-Sport complex and the finish will be within a few metres of Junction 40 of the M6. So get your entries in quickly for this great event.

CHAMPIONSHIP RUNNING ORDER

With the changes made to the running order regulations mid way through last season, we have asked all our events to take advantage of the changes and run classes 1400C, 1400S, RF1.4, RF2.0 and H1/2 at the front of the field in reverse seeded order, followed by all other classes seeded in order of anticipated performance. Look out for individual Event regulations for details of how each event will be structured.

CHAMPIONSHIP ELIGIBILITY PRE AND POST EVENT SCRUTINEERING

It is an important part of any Championship to ensure competing cars meet their eligibility requirements as set down in the Championship regulations and the Motorsport UK Yearbook (Blue Book). At the end of every event cars will be selected for post event Scrutineering by the Championship Eligibility Scrutineers. You should not be concerned if you are asked to attend such checks as we would much prefer to confirm your car is correct than find a problem. If you have any doubts about eligibility, please contact the Championship Eligibility Scrutineers. For any FIA homologated cars, especially classes NR4, N3 or R2, please remember to carry an original set (not a copy) of the relevant homologation forms in the car at all times. By not carrying them or having incorrect ones, you risk not scoring any championship points on that event. Simple, but often forgotten.

ON EVENT FUEL / RE-FUEL

Vital Equipment will be the official fuel supplier to the BTRDA Rally Series and will be at all the events. We strongly emphasise the convenience, safety and organisational benefits that using the Vital Equipment re-fuel facility brings to all competitors. **To order your fuel please use the on-line order facility listed in the Competitor Section of the BTRDA Rally Series website.** www.vitalequipment.co.uk/btrda-fuel-order-form-30-w.asp Tel: 01981 241169.

CHANGES FOR THE 2019 BTRDA RALLY SERIES

We have reduced the BTRDA Rally Series to 7 events based on competitor feedback and we have made a few changes to our class structure. Please see the BTRDA Rally website for further details at www.btrdarally.com/competitors/

SPECIAL STAGE REVIEW

Once again Special Stage Review will be out on the stages and in the Service Parks on every event again this year bringing all the action to our screens across several media platforms, for more details follow them on Twitter or check out there Facebook page



MAXXIS Tyres Motorsport UK 2019 ENGLISH RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

For the **MAXXIS Tyres Motorsport UK 2019 English Rally Championship** we have reverted back to a mixed surface format which is open to all cars that comply with the Motorsport UK Safety and Technical Regulations. The 2019 Championship will include a selection of the best one day 'English' forest events, with the addition of two asphalt events at Clacton and Otterburn. A total of seven events make up the Championship with the final round being the Wydean Stages in the Forest of Dean in November. The best five scores will count.

Motorsport UK 2019 English Rally Championship - Calendar

1	MALCOLM WILSON RALLY	9 th March	Lake District
2	TENDERING CLACTON RALLY	28 th April	Clacton, Essex
3	PLAINS RALLY	11 th May	Oswestry
4	TYNESIDE STAGES	4 th August	Otterburn
5	EVENTSIGNS WOODPECKER STAGES	31 st August	Shropshire/Welsh Borders
6	TRACKROD FOREST STAGES	28 th September	North Yorkshire
7	WYDEAN STAGES RALLY	9 th November	Forest of Dean

Reserve Event Grizedale Stages 7th December Lake District

The Championship will be split into 7 championship classes with the scoring system reflecting achievement against other competitors in the same class as in previous years. The class structure has changed as follows:

CLASSES

Class E7	All WRC with a sequential gearbox, RRC, R5 and S2000 cars & all derivatives
Class E6	Over 2000cc 4WD cars not eligible for class E7
Class E5	Over 2000cc 2WD cars including all FIA R3T cars
Class E4	Over 1600cc up to 2000cc plus Historic category 3 cars with multi cam engines over 1600cc, category 4a cars over 1600cc and 4b cars up to 1600cc
Class E3	Cars over 1400cc up to 1600cc plus current & former FIA Group N3 cars and all FIA R2 cars.
Class E2	Cars up to 1400cc not eligible for Class E1, plus Historic category 1 & 2, category 3 with single cam engines and category 4a up to 1600cc
Class E1	All BTRDA Rally First cars.

All forced induction engines (except Diesel engines) are subject to an additional capacity coefficient of 1.7:1 (except when FIA Appendix J, Art 260 applies).

Remember: The **MAXXIS Motorsport UK 2019 English Rally Championship** registration is all part of the **2019 JORDAN ROAD SURFACING BTRDA Rally Series and BTRDA membership package**. More information about the **MAXXIS Motorsport UK 2019 English Rally Championship** can be found at www.englishrally.co.uk

MOTORSPORT UK GENERAL REGULATIONS

Competitors are reminded that they should have up to date knowledge of the current General Regulations and any amendments that are issued. The current Yearbook already has some amendments and further details can be found at www.motorsportuk.org

Competitors are also reminded to check the current licing requirements of helmets, seats and seatbelts

NEW AWARDS FOR SOME OF OUR CLASSES

BTRDA Historic Cup. On each round of the championship the overall winner of the BTRDA Historic Cup will receive £500 and the overall Historic Champion will be presented with the prestigious AC de Monaco Trophy at the end of year BTRDA awards ceremony.



2019 also sees the 40th anniversary of the formation of rally results provider Tynemouth Computer Services (TCS), and, at the same time, 40 consecutive years of its involvement with the BTRDA Rally Championships. Tynemouth Computer Services are the pioneers of computerised rally results and live update of event results to the Internet. In order to help celebrate this milestone, TCS founder Martin Liddle will be supporting the BTRDA Junior Championship with cash awards on each individual round. Based on the Index of Performance classification, as used to calculate the Junior Championship points, the first, second and third Junior Driver on each BTRDA Rally Series event will receive cash awards of £150, £100 & £50 respectively, while the Junior Co-drivers will also benefit to the tune of £75, £50 & £25 – a total of £3,150 over the seven-event series. These awards are open to all registered competitors who were born on or after 1st January 1995.

CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

Ian Arden continues as the Competitor Liason Officer and will be out on each round of the Championship supported by other members of the BTRDA Rally Committee. Norman and Howard will be out on selected events along with Andrew. Below is the current list of BTRDA attendees at events, although this is subject to change:

Event	BTRDA Rep	BTRDA Rep	BTRDA Rep	Eligibility Scrutineer
Cambrian	Ian Arden	Norman Robertson	Neil Cross	Geoff Doe
Malcolm Wilson	Ian Arden	Andrew Hail		Howard Corbally
Rallynuts	Ian Arden	Andrew Hail		Geoff Doe
Plains	Ian Arden	Norman Robertson		Andrew Farrington
Nicky Grist Stages	Ian Arden	Andrew Hail		Geoff Doe
Woodpecker	Ian Arden	Howard Wilcock		Geoff Doe
Trackrod	Ian Arden	Howard Wilcock		John Cooper

Other committee members will be out on selected events supporting the above

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