



CHAMPIONSHIP NEWSLETTER No. 1 – 2020

Welcome to the 2020 MRF BTRDA Rally Series, Motorsport UK 2020 English Rally Championship, supported by Seacon UK and the MRF Tyres Mixed-Surface Challenge. Thank you to all who registered last year and we welcome all those who have registered for the 2020 season. 'Serious Fun' is our tag line and we have every expectation that 2020 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 (8th February) as we will have access to the Membership database to confirm your membership.

For those competitors who have not yet registered for 2020, 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 on 1st September 2020).

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 Motorsport UK 2020 English Rally Championship, in association with Seacon UK, and the MRF Tyres Mixed-Surface Challenge.

The 2020 MRF Tyres 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	8 th February	North Wales
2	MALCOLM WILSON RALLY	14 th March	Lake District
3	RALLYNUTS STAGES RALLY	18 th April	Mid Wales
4	75 th SCOTTISH RALLY	6 th June	Lockerbie/Scottish Borders
5	NICKY GRIST STAGES	11 th July	Mid Wales
6	EVENTSIGNS WOODPECKER STAGES	5 th September	Shropshire/Welsh Borders
7	TRACKROD FOREST STAGES	26 th September	North Yorkshire

CHAMPIONSHIP SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS

We are pleased to confirm most of our previous sponsors are continuing with us in 2020. **JORDAN ROAD SURFACING** are supporting the Historic Cup, whilst **Revolution Wheels, Mintex, Fuchs Lubricants (UK)** and **REIS** will again be providing invaluable support.

Our new headline sponsor is **MRF TYRES** through our old friend Jerry Freeman of Service & Sport. Jerry said "we are thrilled MRF are to be sponsoring the BTRDA for the next three years and we hope to help the championship prosper and innovate." Contact Jerry on 07789 392080, 01942 218498 or email jfreeman@serviceandsport.com for exciting deals exclusive to our championship contenders.

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 2020 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 2020, up to the 31st January 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 31st January 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 – 8th FEBRUARY

The Visit Conwy Cambrian Rally will once again start the championship season off in Llandudno. For 2020 the event will include a selection of the best forest stage miles in North Wales, with a compact road route along with a central service area in Llandudno Town Centre. North Wales Car Club has 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. Normal entries close on Saturday 25th January but final entries don't close until Tuesday 4th February 2020.

MALCOLM WILSON RALLY – 14th MARCH

Entries are now available for the Malcolm Wilson Rally, Round 2 of the BTRDA Rally Series, Round 1 of the Motorsport UK 2020 English Championship and Round 2 of the MRF Mixed-Surface Challenge. Regulations and online entries are now available at www.malcolmwilson.co.uk. The event includes iconic stages such as Grizedale North and South and Greystoke. The event is based in the friendly town of Cockermouth and will again start in the nearby M-Sport complex, with the finish just a few metres from Junction 40 of the M6. So, get your entries in quickly for this great event.

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 may 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, or formerly homologated cars, especially classes NR4, N3, R2 or R5, 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/pages/btrda-rally-series-fuel-order-form Tel: 01981 241169.





CHANGES FOR THE 2020 BTRDA RALLY SERIES

We welcome the Scottish Rally to the 7 round Series in 2020. The event is celebrating its 75th year and promises to be a great addition to the calendar. It is also a round of the Scottish Rally Championship and, so, a battle of the Championships looks set to occur!

SPECIAL STAGE TV

Special Stage 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 their Facebook page.

Motorsport UK 2020 ENGLISH RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP, in association with Seacon UK

For the **Motorsport UK 2020 English Rally Championship, in association with Seacon UK**, we have reverted back to an all-gravel surface format which is open to **all** cars that comply with the Motorsport UK Safety and Technical Regulations. The 2020 Championship will include a selection of the best one day 'English' forest events. A total of six events make up the Championship with the final round being the Wyedean Stages in the Forest of Dean in November. The best five scores will count.

Motorsport UK 2020 English Rally Championship - Calendar

1	MALCOLM WILSON RALLY	14 th March	Lake District
2	KIELDER RALLY	25 th April	Kielder Forest
3	NICKY GRIST STAGES	11 th July	Builth Wells
4	EVENTSIGNS WOODPECKER STAGES	5 th September	Shropshire/Welsh Borders
5	TRACKROD FOREST STAGES	26 th September	North Yorkshire
6	WYEDEAN STAGES RALLY	17 th October	Forest of Dean

Reserve Event Grizedale Stages 5th 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 Motorsport UK 2020 English Rally Championship, in association with Seacon UK registration is all part of the 2020 MRF Tyres BTRDA Rally Series and BTRDA membership package.** More information about the Motorsport UK 2020 English Rally Championship, in association with Seacon UK can be found at www.englishrally.co.uk





New for 2020 is the **MRF Mixed-Surface Rally Challenge**. It is open to all competitors holding a minimum of a Motorsport UK Interclub competition licence.

The MRF Challenge is open to all vehicles that comply with the 2020 Motorsport UK Safety and Technical Regulations for Special Stage Rallies, and FIA Technical Regulations where appropriate.

All MRF Mixed-Surface Challenge cars must use MRF branded tyres on every event, but the tread pattern and profile are free. See MRF Motorsport Tyres in UK at www.serviceandsport.com Contact: Jerry@Serviceandsport.com Tel +44 (0) 7789 392080.

The MRF Mixed-Surface Challenge includes a selection of the best UK forest and asphalt stage rallies. The final points tables will be based on a competitor's best 6 scores. If through 'force majeure' any of the qualifying rounds cannot take place the organisers reserve the right to either include another event on the same date and / or to alter the number of scores to count.

1	CAMBRIAN RALLY (G)	8 th February	North Wales
2	MALCOLM WILSON RALLY (G)	14 th March	Lake District
3	TENDRING & CLACTON RALLY (A)	25 th /26 th April	East Anglia
4	75 th SCOTTISH RALLY (G)	6 th June	Lockerbie/Scottish Borders
5	NICKY GRIST STAGES (G)	11 th July	Mid Wales
6	MEWLA RALLY (A)	30 th August	Epynt, Mid Wales
7	POKERSTARS RALLY LEG 1 (A)	2 nd October	Isle of Man
8	POKERSTARS RALLY LEG 2 (A)	3 rd October	Isle of Man

The class structure is the same as the Motorsport UK English Rally Championship, the ST Trophy will follow the MRF Tyres Mixed Surface Challenge in 2020

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 liding requirements of helmets, seats and seatbelts.

NEW AWARDS FOR SOME OF OUR CLASSES

Jordan Road Surfacing BTRDA Historic Cup

On each round of the BTRDA Rally Series, the first driver in the BTRDA Historic Cup will receive £250, the second £150 and third £100. and the overall Historic Champion will be presented with the prestigious AC de Monaco Trophy at the end-of-year BTRDA awards ceremony.





CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

Ian Arden continues as the Competitor Liaison Officer and will be out on each round of the BTRDA Rally Series supported by other members of the BTRDA Rally Committee. Norman, Andrew and Howard will be out on selected events. 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		Geoff Doe
Rallynuts	Ian Arden	Andrew Hail		Andrew Farrington
Scottish	Ian Arden	Andrew Hail		Geoff Doe
Nicky Grist Stages	Ian Arden	Norman Robertson		Geoff Doe
Woodpecker	Ian Arden	Howard Wilcock		John Cooper
Trackrod	Ian Arden	Howard Wilcock		John Cooper

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

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MRF TYRES **BTRDA RALLY SERIES**

As proud sponsors of the BTRDA Rally Series **MRF TYRES** would like to offer all competitors a discounted tyre deal for our rallies.

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