



CHAMPIONSHIP NEWSLETTER No. 1 – 2021

Welcome to the 2021 MRF BTRDA Rally Series, the Motorsport UK 2021 English Rally Championship, supported by Seacon UK and the MRF Tyres Mixed Surface Challenge. After last years aborted championships we are looking forward to some ‘Serious Fun’ with a full calendar of events.

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 Nicky Grist Stages Rally (10th July) as we will have access to the Membership database to confirm your membership.

For those competitors who have not yet registered for 2021 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. Remember those that registered for the 2020 championship will have free registration to the 2021 championship, you only need to renew your membership

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 2021 English Rally Championship, in association with Seacon UK and the MRF Tyres Mixed Surface Championship.

The 2021 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	Nicky Grist Stages	10 th July	Builth Wells
2	Scottish Rally	24 th July	Lockerbie/Scottish Borders
3	Plains Rally	14 th August	Mid Wales
4	Woodpecker Stages	4 th September	Shropshire/Welsh Borders
5	Trackrod Rally	25 th September	North Yorkshire
6	Cambrian Rally	30 th October	North Wales
7	Rallynuts Stages	13 th November	Mid Wales

CHAMPIONSHIP SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS

We are pleased to confirm our 2020 sponsors are continuing with us in 2021. **JORDAN ROAD SURFACING** are supporting the Historic Cup, and **Fuchs Lubricants (UK)** will be supporting the Bronze Star for up to 1400 cars whilst, **Revolution Wheels, Mintex,** and **REIS** will again be providing invaluable support.

Our new headline sponsor is **MRF TYRES**, through our old friend Jerry Freeman of Service & Sport, do contact Jerry 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

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DECALS – FIRST ISSUE AND REPLACEMENT

Championship decals will be posted out to all drivers who are registered for 2021, up to the 23rd June 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 23rd June can collect them from the BTRDA gazebo first event in the BTRDA series. Replacement decals are available, but a small charge may be made to cover admin costs.

NICKY GRIST STAGES – 10th July

The Nicky Grist Stages will host the first round of this years revised calendar. The Event has issued Rally Guide 1 and it should be noted that they are accepting entries from registered championship contenders from 24th May and then opening up entries on 31st May. Visit the website, www.nickygriststages.co.uk for further information

CHAMPIONSHIP RUNNING ORDER

We have asked all our events to 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 recommended 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.

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 their Facebook page

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Motorsport UK 2021 ENGLISH RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP, in association with Seacon UK

For the **Motorsport UK 2021 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 2021 Championship will include a selection of the best one day 'English' forest events. A total of seven events make up the Championship with the final round being the Grizedale Stages in the Lake District in December. The best four scores will count.

Motorsport UK 2021 English Rally Championship - Calendar

1	Nicky Grist Stages	10 th July	Builth Wells
2	Woodpecker Stages	4 th September	Shropshire/welsh Borders
3	Trackrod Forest Stages	25 th September	North Yorkshire
4	Wydean Stages	16 th October	Forest of Dean
5	Grizedale Stages	3 rd /4 th 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 2021 English Rally Championship, in association with Seacon UK registration is all part of the 2021 MRF Tyres BTRDA Rally Series and BTRDA membership package.** More information about the Motorsport UK 2021 English Rally Championship, in association with Seacon UK can be found at www.englishrally.co.uk

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MRF TYRES MIXED SURFACE CHALLENGE

New for 2021 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 2021 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	Nicky Grist Stages (G)	10 th July	Builth Wells
2	Scottish Rally (G)	24 th	Lockerbie/Scottish Borders
3	Tynside Stages (A)	1 st August	Otterburn/Northumberland
4	Mewla Rally (A)	29 th August	Mid Wales
5	PokerStars Rally Leg 1 (A)	1 st October	Isle of Man
6	PokerStars Rally Leg 2 (A)	2 nd October	Isle of Man
7	Rallynuts stages (G)	13 th November	Mid Wales
8	Grizedale Stages (G)	3 rd /4 th November	Lake District

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 2021

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 liffing requirements of helmets, seats and seatbelts

NEW AWARDS FOR SOME OF OUR CLASSES

Jordan Road Surfacing BTRDA Historic Cup.

On each round of the championship, the first driver on each of the seven rounds of the series 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.

Running within the **2021 MRF Tyres BTRDA Rally Series**, the BTRDA is delighted to announce an exciting new initiative for Junior drivers, i.e. those under 25 years old on 1st January 2021.

The top three drivers in normally-aspirated R2 1600s will benefit from **cash awards on each round– 1st £150, 2nd £125, 3rd £75** – and the driver of the highest-placed Fiesta on each event will also receive a parts voucher, to the value of £150, from reigning double British Rally Champion Matt Edwards. [Subject to a minimum of five registered competitors]

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There will be a free pre-season test session at **Forest Experience Rally School** for all the BTRDA 1600 R2 runners (not just juniors).

In addition at the end of the season, the BTRDA **Junior R2 Cup winner** will be in line for : –

- **A Kielder WT Tools package**
- **'On the Pace Note' notes + DVD's for the following year** (max of 6 and subject to OTPN being involved in the events they contest)
- **'Next Steps' coaching via Trevor Agnew** (plus a group session for all contenders prior to the start of the season)
- **1-2-1 coaching at their own test from Tom Williams** (ex JWRC Driver)
- **A R5 20km test from 586 Engineering + insurance from Shepherd Compello** (This does not include any excess)

CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM

Ian Arden continues as the Championship Coordinator and will be out on each round of the MRF Tyres BTRDA Rally Series supported by other members of the BTRDA Rally Committee.

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