



CHAMPIONSHIP NEWSLETTER No. 7 – 2022

PHIL PRICE MEMORIAL WOODPECKER RALLY

MRF TYRES BTRDA GOLD STAR® CHAMPIONSHIP

CALLUM'S BACK IN BLACK!...

Callum Black returned to the MRF Tyres BTRDA Rally Series on the Phil Price Memorial Woodpecker Rally in a brand-new, black-liveried Fiesta Rally2 and, setting fastest times on five of the six stages, came away with a win and maximum Gold Star® Rally Championship points. The only other crew to set an FTD during the day were Matthew Hirst/Declan Dear, coincidentally in Callum's old Fiesta R5, who led the event briefly before getting up close and personal with a bank on the second run through Haye Park which damaged the rear suspension and led to their subsequent retirement.



Callum Black 1st Gold Star

Ludlow resident Perry Gardener and co-driver Jack Bowen, in their Fiesta R5 which had been refettled following its off on the Nicky Grist Stages, were hoping to emulate the success of Perry's dad, Shaun, who won his 'home' event in both 2006 and 2008. Having to settle for runners-up spot on the day, this pair nevertheless achieved their best result of the season to date and, with two events to go, are still in a position to challenge for top spot.



Perry Gardener/Jack Bowen 2nd Gold Star

Starting what was to be a very busy weekend, Elliot Payne/Patrick Walsh took the final podium place in their Fiesta Rally2 before dashing off to Aberystwyth to contest Rali Bae Ceredigion which started on the Saturday evening! With two wins, two second places and now a 3rd, these two are definitely in the pound seats when it comes to Garry Pearson/Niall Burns' likely successors to the Gold Star title, but there is still plenty of work to be done....



Elliot Payne/Patrick Walsh 3rd Gold Star

Stephen Petch/Michael Wilkinson brought their Fiesta Rally2 home in 4th, just ahead of the frantic dash for Class B13 supremacy. In the event, Russ Thompson/Steve Link, in their recently repaired Lancer EVO9, arrived back at Ludlow Racecourse a mere one second in front of the similar car of Gold Star leaders Richard Hill/Pat Cooper. Rob Wilson/Richard Crozier took 3rd in class, with both Ian Joel/Graeme Wood (Escort Cosworth) and Pat Naylor/Ian Lawrence (Lancer EVO9) finishing in the Top Ten overall.

B13 winner last time out on the Nicky Grist Stages, James Giddings (Lancer EVO9) decided that discretion was the

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better part of valour and retired after suffering his second rear brake calliper fire of the day.

So, the Trackrod Forest Rally next and we wait to see who's up to speed (literally!) on the super-quick stages on the North York Moors...

MRF TYRES BTRDA SILVER STAR® CHAMPIONSHIP

THE FLYING KIWI RETURNS!...



Boyd Kershaw/Keegan Rees 1st Silver Star

On only their third BTRDA event of the season, Boyd Kershaw and Keegan Rees added their names to the list of MRF Tyres BTRDA Silver Star® Championship maximum scorers with a class win in their Escort MkII. Half-a-minute behind and just squeezing into the Top Twenty overall, Michael McDaid/Declan Casey (Escort) were next with former series leaders Rob Wright/Mark Fisher (Escort) in 3rd place.



Michael McDaid/Declan Casey 2nd Silver Star 1st Historic

Nick Dobson's progress was hampered by a lack of suitable tyres for his Escort, with the inevitable effect on stage times. However, his perseverance was rewarded

with a finish and, although by a reduced margin, the Ilkley driver still leads the Silver Star table.



Rob Wright/Mark Fisher 3rd Silver Star

McDaid/Casey were joined by Jonathan Brace/Paul Spooner's Escort RS1600 in taking Jordan Road Surfacing BTRDA Historic Cup® class wins and, although Grant Inglis/Gavin Chisholm's day came to an abrupt halt when their Escort hit a log in Cwm Y Gerwyn, they maintain their dominance in the table. Meanwhile, James Lepley (Escort MkII) recorded his best result of the season with a 3rd in class.



Mat Jackson/Sasha Heriot Rallye R2 Cup winner

Mat Jackson/Sasha Heriot finished 20s ahead of BTRDA Rallye R2 Cup leaders, Jonathan Jones/Jez Rogers (both Fiestas), to take their second maximum of their campaign but the day wasn't kind to the others hoping to move their respective seasons forward. Recently crowned BTRDA Rallye R2 Junior Cup Champion Billy Grew & Simon Rogers (Fiesta) and Scott & David Sloan (Peugeot 208) both went off on SS1, while Tony

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Simpson/Ian Bevan's Fiesta broke a driveshaft on the penultimate stage of the day.

FUCHS LUBRICANTS BTRDA BRONZE STAR CHAMPIONSHIP

BRICK-BUILT NOVA WINS THE DAY!...



Dave & Freddy Brick 1st Bronze Star

Not only was this Dave & Freddy Brick's first event in the Fuchs Lubricants BTRDA Bronze Star (1400) Championship since April, but it also marked their first finish of the season – and it was a significant one at that! Their Nova swept all before it, coming home almost a minute clear of the opposition to take a class win (obviously!) and add its name to the list of maximum points recipients this season.



Nigel Jenkins 2nd Bronze Star

Nigel Jenkins' smart Nova was runner-up and, while Pete Gorst/Mark Twiname's version had started the day in a similar condition, a large dent in the roof served to detract from its overall appearance by the time it returned to Ludlow Racecourse. Never mind! Having retired from the Nicky Grist Stages, 3rd place points – just 3s adrift of Jenkins - on the Woodpecker will come as a

relief to the crew and, now that dropped scores come into play, they can add them to the three maximums they've already got. Game on!...



Pete Gorst/Mark Twiname 3rd Bronze star

Dale Glover/Sean Ward's Alfasud TI was right behind the two Novas, while Ed James/ Charlie Mason's Micra Kit Car was also somewhat battle-scarred by the finish. However, in the absence of erstwhile series leader Lewis Hooper, Ed now joins Charlie at the top of his respective points table.

Adrian & Matt Walk (Ka) took their second consecutive maximum in Class 1400C and, in so doing, move closer to the non-finishing (on this occasion!) leaders Richard Garnett/Stefan Arndt whose Micra broke a driveshaft on the penultimate stage. On only its second run-out of the season, Edward Wain/Noel Murphy's MG ZR survived the rigours of the day to take 2nd place behind the Walks.

MOTORSPORT UK ENGLISH RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP IN ASSOCIATION WITH SEACON UK

ROOM FOR ONE MORE ON TOP!...

You should hopefully know by now that, as a class-based series, the Motorsport UK 2022 English Rally Championship in association with Seacon UK, is a very close-fought affair and, as such, any slight deviation from a clear run on an event will have an effect on individual positions. Throughout the summer Nick Dobson has been dining out on the strength of his exalted position as Championship leader(!) but, as detailed above, his tyre troubles on the Phil Price Memorial Woodpecker Rally coupled with Richard Hill's comparatively stress-free run have seen the two drivers swop places – for now, at least. So, at the halfway stage, Mr Hill's Lancer EVO9 is a mere one point in front of Nick's Escort, with Ian Joel's

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Escort Cosworth and the Fiesta Rally2 of Stephen Petch in joint 3rd place, two points behind. So, in a number of different ways, there's plenty more mileage in this one before the finale in early December!

Those who travelled home from Ludlow with maximum scores under their belts included Russ Thompson (Lancer EVO9), Rob Wright (Escort), Callum Black (Fiesta Rally2), Jonathan Brace (Escort RS1600), Mat Jackson (Fiesta R2)

CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS:

A full list of all the **MRF Tyres BTRDA Rally Series** points after the Phil Price Memorial Woodpecker Stages can be found in the Competitor section of www.btrdarally.com and on the Sportity app

JORDAN Road Surfacing HISTORIC CUP

On each round of the BTRDA Rally Series there will be a **prize fund of £500** with the highest placed BTRDA Historic Cup driver receiving £250, the 2nd placed driver £150 and the 3rd £100. At the end of the year the overall BTRDA Historic Champion will be presented with the prestigious AC de Monaco Trophy at the BTRDA awards ceremony. The prize winners on the Kielder Forest Rally were: -

1. £250 Michael McDaid
2. £150 Jonathan Brace
3. £100 James Lepley

KIELDER POWER AWARDS

Thanks to generous support from KIELDER Works Team, they will be awarding one of their valuable "Layer Cake Spare Wheel Kits" as a prize on each round of the 2022 MRF Tyres BTRDA Rally Series. Details of these specially designed Motorsport Spare Wheel Kits, which include a battery impact wrench, can be found on this YouTube video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dq9F9Gglywc&ab_channel=KielderWTLtd

On the Phil Price Memorial Woodpecker Stages the award goes to the **Highest Placed Driver in class B13 Russ Thompson**
On the Trackrod Rally the award will go the highest placed driver in Rally First

VITAL FUEL PRIZE

Premier competition fuel suppliers Vital Equipment Ltd and Carless Racing Fuels continue their initiative to support Britain's most popular national rally series. On every round of the 2022 MRF Tyres BTRDA Rally Series two competitors each receive **25 litres of Carless Racing Fuel**.

On the Phil Price Memorial Wodpecker Stages the prizes were awarded to: -

- **The Highest Placed BTRDA R2 Cup** **Matthew Jackson**
- **The winning driver in class B11** **Boyd Kershaw**

The two awards on the Trackrod Rally will be for Highest placed Junior R2 Cup & Class B12

At the end of the 2022 season the highest placed Junior Driver who returns to the 2023 MRF Tyres BTRDA Rally Series will receive a fuel deal

BTRDA JUNIOR R2 1600 CUP

No eligible finishers

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MINTEX / QUESTMEAD BONUS SCHEME

The winners of the Mintex Awards on the Phil Price Memorial Woodpecker Rally, each of whom receive a FREE set of competition brake pads from Questmead Ltd, are: -

Improvement on Start No: 1400's/Rally First: **Dale Glover**

Improvement on Start No: Gold Star/Silver Star: **Boyd Kershaw**

Steve or Alan Brown from Questmead can be found in the Service Area at most events but to **claim your reward, please contact them in advance on 01706 363939.**

FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

Trackrod Forest Stages – 24th September

The Trackrod Forest Stages (part of the Rally Yorkshire weekend) offers a unique opportunity for the rallying community from the Clubman upwards, to participate in an event which uses ALL the CLASSIC YORKSHIRE STAGES. Based in Filey at the Evron Centre with Scrutineering and Service at Filey Brigg Country Park

Remember you can enter the longer Trackrod Rally Yorkshire or the Historic Cup and Land Rover Challenge and still score points in the MRF Tyres BTRDA Rally Series and Motorsport UK English Rally Championship, in association with Seacon UK provided you **DO NOT** complete the pre event recce. Visit www.rallyyorkshire.co.uk for further details

Visit Conwy Cambrian Rally – 29th October

Regulations for the Visit Conwy Cambrian Rally were released earlier this week, with entries opening on Sunday 11th September. The stages are within the county of Conwy in the Cerrigydrudion, Betws-y-Coed and Llanrwst areas. Rally HQ is in the Venue Cymru in Llandudno and the Service Area is based in the grounds of the Welsh Government buildings in Llandudno Junction

As with the Trackrod Rally, competitors can enter the longer National Event and claim points in the MRF Tyres BTRDA Rally Series provided you **DO NOT** complete the pre-event recce. Visit <https://cambrianrally.co.uk/competitors> for further details

BTRDA ON EVENT TEAM – Trackrod Rally

Your on-event team will be:

Ian Arden, Nic Quinlan-Hull, Steve Waggett , Bryan Hull and John Cooper

DECALS

Competitors are reminded that they **must** display the BTRDA Rally Series decals on each qualifying event to be eligible to score points in the MRF Tyres BTRDA Rally Series. These include a **sponsor panel on each side of the car** and a **championship screen strip** which must be displayed on the windscreen, not on the roof.

Co-drivers with non-registered drivers must carry 2 x BTRDA club decals on the car.

Decals are available from the BTRDA Championship Co-ordinator Ian Arden Tel: 07917 355169 at each of the qualifying events.

TYRES

Please note that in the **MRF Tyres BTRDA Rally First Cup** it is a requirement that MRF tyres are used throughout the event and checks will be made to ensure compliance with this requirement. **MRF Tyres / Service and Sport** will be at all events to provide tyre support to competitors. See www.serviceandsport.com for more information about the extensive range of MRF competition tyres.

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ON EVENT FUEL

Vital Equipment are the recommended fuel supplier for the BTRDA Rally Series and will be providing a re-fuel service at all the events. They supply both a Motorsport UK compliant Super Unleaded fuel and a FIA spec Carless turbo fuel. We strongly emphasise the convenience, safety and organisational benefits that using the Vital Equipment facility brings to competitors.

To order your fuel please use the on-line order facility listed in the Competitors section of the BTRDA Rally Series website. www.vitalequipment.co.uk/pages/btrda-rally-series-fuell-order-form

SPECIAL STAGE filming

The **MRF Tyres BTRDA Rally Series** by 'Special Stage' will feature extensive live event coverage from all rounds of the championship and will air on the Special Stage Facebook page. Special Stage will include coverage of all the categories / classes, where it is practical to do so, to tell the story of the event. Some of the online coverage will be split into shorter packages and released separately after each event and this can be found on the BTRDA Facebook Page and Website.

Look out for the live coverage schedule announcements across social media @SpecialStageUK @BTRDARally

The BTRDA Rally Series website has videos from the BTRDA Rally Series events since 2014.

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