



CHAMPIONSHIP NEWSLETTER No. 8 – 2022

TRACKROD FOREST STAGES

MRF TYRES BTRDA GOLD STAR® CHAMPIONSHIP

HENDERSON WORKS THROUGH PAYNE BARRIER FOR FIRST WIN!...

David Henderson (Fiesta Rally2) took his first MRF Tyres BTRDA Rally Series win on the Trackrod Forest Stages, arriving back at the finish in Filey 10s ahead of runners-up Elliot Payne/Patrick Walsh. However, 2nd place for these two was enough to put the 2022 BTRDA Gold Star® Rally Championship title beyond the reach of anyone else. As far as we can ascertain (computerised results weren't up to much when the series first started in 1953!), at 19 years of age, Elliot is the youngest-ever winner of the title and, of course, joins his dad Charlie who was victorious in 2016.



David Henderson 1st Gold Star

So, Payne/Walsh (Fiesta Rally2) took first blood through Cropton and, although giving best to Henderson in Gale Rigg, were still leading the event after two stages. It's possible that, with the relative positions of their title rivals at that point such as it was, they realised that they didn't have to go flat-out to claim the title and were able to ease off a tad. Whatever, Hugh Brunton/Drew Sturrock (Fiesta R5) were top dogs in Staindale, with Callum Black (Fiesta Rally2) stepping up to the plate in both Langdale and Dalby.



Elliot Payne/Patrick Walsh 2nd Gold Star

Matthew Hirst/Declan Dear (Fiesta R5) and Stephen Petch/Michael Wilkinson (Fiesta Rally2) were 3rd & 4th respectively, with Brunton and Black just three seconds apart after 45 miles of single-use stages in 6th & 7th. Early-season Gold Star leaders Perry Gardener/Jack Bowen (Fiesta R5) finished just outside the Top Ten, one place in front of the aforementioned 'Proud Dad' Charlie Payne (Fiesta Rally2).



Matthew Hirst/Declan Dear 3rd Gold Star

Russ Thompson/Steve Link (Lancer EVO9) took their fourth maximum in Class B13 but, right behind them, Richard Hill/Pat Cooper maintained their 100% finishing record (7 starts/7 finishes) and are still ahead in the points. These two crews now take their battle to the Cambrian to see who'll succeed George Lepley/Tom Woodburn to this particular title. In the Mitsubishi corner, Rob Wilson/Richard Crozier and Pat Naylor/Ian Lawrence kept their claims for either of the other podium spots alive, as did Dave Welch/Andy Smith who are bucking the trend by pinning their hopes on an Impreza!....

Ian Joel/Graeme Wood's hopes of a positive end to the season were dashed by their Escort Cosworth's third

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retirement, while both Gary Cooper and Steve Pawson's Imprezas also failed to make it back to Filey.



Russ Thompson/Steve Link 1st B13

MRF TYRES BTRDA SILVER STAR® CHAMPIONSHIP

AT LAST – A SUNBEAM SHINES THROUGH!...



Andy Davison/Tom Murphy 1st Silver Star & Class B12

You've got to take your hat off (always supposing you're wearing one!) to Andy Davison/Tom Murphy's perseverance! After finishing 2nd Silver Star driver and Champion Co-driver in 2019 in their Talbot Sunbeam VXR, Covid saw to it that 2020 didn't happen for anyone and then, in their case, 2021 was an unmitigated disaster. 2022 could have been kinder as well – three retirements already, but still they keep coming back for more and finally, on the Trackrod Forest Stages, it came good with their first maximum MRF Tyres BTRDA Silver Star® Championship score for three years (the 2019 Trackrod)!

So, a 'win' for these two, finishing a couple of places in front of Championship leaders Rob Wright/Mark Fisher

(Escort), with Michael McDaid/Declan Casey, whose Escort has two maximums to its credit, taking 3rd on this occasion. Nick Dobson's Escort claimed a Class B11 win and remains the only serious threat to Wright's bid for Silver Star glory.



Rob Wright/Mark Fisher 2nd Silver Star

As far as the BTRDA Rallye R2 Cup is concerned, we can't start without mentioning the passing of Ian Bevan in the short time since the Woodpecker. A highly respected co-driver – and long-time BTRDA supporter, he will be missed...



Tony Simpson 1st R2 Cup

Tony Simpson (Fiesta), co-driven by Simon Rogers on this occasion, took top R2 Cup honours on what must have been a bitter-sweet day, but 2nd place for Jonathan Jones/Jez Rogers confirms them as the 2022 winners with one round to spare. The regulars were joined for the first time by Steve Black at the wheel of a Peugeot 208 and the former BTRDA Bronze Star Champion acquitted himself admirably, finishing only a handful of seconds adrift of the leading pair.

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Michael McDaid/Declan Casey 3rd Silver Star & 1st Historic

The Escorts of Michael McDaid/Declan Casey & Warren Philliskirk/Garry Green came up trumps in the Jordan Road Surfacing BTRDA Historic Cup® on the Trackrod, but Grant Inglis/Gavin Chisholm (also Escort MkII) did more than enough to maintain their category lead. However, with Inglis and McDaid both in contention for outright victory, this is yet another battle that will be decided in the forests of north Wales at the end of October....

Former class winners Ernie & Patricia Lee's BMW 325i stopped on the final stage of the day in Dalby.

FUCHS LUBRICANTS BTRDA BRONZE STAR CHAMPIONSHIP

NOVA RIDING AMBITION!...



Nigel Jenkins 1st Bronze Star

Nigel Jenkins (Nova) has only contested the last three rounds of the Fuchs Lubricants BTRDA Bronze Star (1400) Championship but, on each occasion, he's certainly made his presence felt! Two wins (including one on the Trackrod) and a second-place have kept the regulars on

their mettle but, in terms of the Championship, it's all come a bit too late!

Pete Gorst/Mark Twiname had recovered from their roof-bending antics on the Woodpecker to bring their Nova home right behind Jenkins and, in so doing, keep their title hopes alive. MRF Tyres Rally First Cup winner Lewis Hooper (Micra) won his class in Yorkshire to retake the overall series lead from a non-finishing Ed James/Charlie Mason (Micra Kit Car). After a lengthy absence, Paddy & Tom Homan (Ford Puma) returned to add some points to their tally, while Rob Evett (Nova) was the sole survivor in Class 1400C following the earlier-than-planned departures of Richard Garnett/Stefan Arndt, Alfie Hammond/Peter Williams (both Micras) and the Ka of Adrian & Matt Walk.



Pete Gorst/Mark Twiname 2nd Bronze Star

Never mind what anybody else gets up to, Gorst/Twiname must finish the Cambrian no lower than 3rd points scorers if they are to claim their maiden BTRDA title and impress the neighbours – and anybody else, for that matter! – by flaunting the Bronze Stars that would accompany such a victory!...

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Lewis Hooper 3rd Bronze Star & 1st Rally First

MOTORSPORT UK ENGLISH RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP IN ASSOCIATION WITH SEACON UK

OVER TO HILL – BUT NOT FAR AWAY!...

Unlike the BTRDA Rally Series, following the Trackrod Forest Stages, the Motorsport UK 2022 English Rally

CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS:

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

A full list of all the **Motorsport UK English Rally Championship, in association with Seacon UK** points after the Trackrod Forest Stages can be found in the Competitor section of www.englishrally.co.uk and on the Sportity app

Points in both Championships become final on Monday 3 October

JORDAN Road Surfacing BTRDA 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 Trackrod Rally were: -

1. £250 Michael McDaid
2. £150 Warren Philliskirk
3. £100 Baz Jordan

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 Trackrod Forest Stages the award goes to the **Highest Placed Driver in Rally First, Lewis Hooper**

On the Visit Conwy Cambrian Rally the award will go the highest placed driver in **Class H1/H2**

BTRDA JUNIOR R2 1600 CUP

No eligible finishers

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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 Trackrod Forest Rally the prizes were awarded to: -

- **The Highest Placed R2** **Tony Simpson**
- **The winning driver in class B12** **Andy Davison**

The two awards on the Visit Conwy Cambrian Rally will be for Highest placed Junior R2 Cup runner & Class B13

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

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: **Lewis Hooper**

Improvement on Start No: Gold Star/Silver Star: **Andy Davison**

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:

Wyedean Stages – Saturday 15 October

The Round 5 of the 2022 Motorsport UK English Rally Championship in association with SEACON UK.

This event based at Coleford and provides a compact event in the Forest of Dean on stages that have not been used for the last couple of years.

Entries are filling fast so if you want to enter you need to do so soon. Visit www.wyedeanstages.co.uk for further details

Visit Conwy Cambrian Rally – 29th October

Entries for the Visit Conwy Cambrian Rally are still available the event has already received a large and varied list of crews, so don't delay as entries close at the standard rate on 14th October. That is also the deadline date for entry fee payments. 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 still claim points in the MRF Tyres BTRDA Rally Series provided you **DO NOT** complete the pre-event recce, an ideal opportunity to tackle some night stages. Visit cambrianrally.co.uk/competitors for further details

Grizedale Stages – 2 & 3 December

The final round of the 2022 Motorsport UK English Rally Championship in association with SEACON UK takes competitors to the Grizedale Stages in the Lake District. The event offers 42 miles over 4 stages with just 37 road miles. Regulations will be published on 1 October and Entries open on 8 October. Visit www.grizedalestages.co.uk for further details

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.

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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.

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.

BTRDA ON EVENT TEAM – Visit Conwy Cambrian Rally

Your on-event team will be:

Ian Arden, Bryan Hull and Geoff Doe

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