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CHAMPIONSHIP NEWSLETTER No.7 – 2026

LEWIS & HUNTER CAMBRIAN RALLY

FUCHS LUBRICANTS BTRDA GOLD STAR® CHAMPIONSHIP

HIRST'S HAT-TRICK ON THE CAMBRIAN!...

For the third year in succession, Matthew Hirst/Declan Dear (Fabia Rally2) have won the Cambrian Rally, the penultimate round of the 2026 Fuchs Lubricants BTRDA Gold Star Rally Championship. They arrived back at the finish in Llandudno a minute ahead of Daniel Sigurðarson/Asta Sigurðadóttir (Fabia RS), reduced following the addition of a 30s penalty for clouting a bale in Clocaenog! However, in Championship terms, it promotes them to runners-up with the Icelanders in 3rd and, no matter what happens in Grizedale in December, that is how the 2026 Gold Star podium will stay.

Matthew Hirst/Declan Dear 1st Gold Star

Russ Thompson/Steve Link (Fiesta) took first blood with FTD on the first of the nine stages but, for the third consecutive event, their challenge would end prematurely – this time courtesy of electrical issues. Hirst/Dear inherited top spot but a string of good times – including FTDs through Gwydyr and Hiraethog – moved the Fabia Rally2 of James Wilson/Paul Mulholland into the ascendancy. A problem on the second run through Clocaenog then cost them half-a-minute at the same time as Hirst/Dear were finishing with a flourish by setting FTDs on each of the final three stages.

So, a Skoda 1-2-3 with Wilson/Mulholland still comfortably home in 3rd in spite of the time loss. It was left to Dan O'Brien to fly the Ford flag with 4th in his Fiesta Rally2. On only his third appearance of the season, Tony Simpson (Fiesta Rally2) also recorded a Top Ten finish.

Daniel Sigurðarson/Asta Sigurðadóttir 2nd Gold Star

Following the non-appearance of Class 2 leaders Pete Gorst/Mark Twiname and the demise of Thompson/Link, maximum points went to Tim Green/Jordan Joines (Impreza) while the similar car of Chris Gash/Dylan Williams was 2nd. Geoff Smith/Joe Dunn (Lancer EVO6) emulated Thompson/Link by posting their third retirement of the season…

James Wilson/Paul Mulholland 3rd Gold Star

A study of the points illustrates that, notwithstanding their absence from North Wales, Gorst/ Twiname can't be beaten for Class 2. Congratulations!

PROTYRE AUTOCARE BTRDA SILVER STAR® CHAMPIONSHIP

HALFWAY THERE!...

Baz Jordan/Arwel Jenkins 1st Silver Star

A second maximum points score in the Protyre Autocare BTRDA Silver Star® Championship for Baz Jordan/Arwel Jenkins (Lancer EVO6) on the Cambrian Rally confirms the driver as the 2026 winner. However, due to the vagaries of the scoring system (unregistered drivers competing with registered co-drivers and vice-versa), Jenkins could just be caught for the Co-drivers' title.

Ben Jemison/Adam Burkill 2nd Silver Star

Current runners-up, Ben Jemison/Adam Burkill (Chevette HSR) finished one place and 17s behind Jordan/Jenkins on the Cambrian, leaving the points table delicately balanced. Should Burkill take a maximum score – nothing less will do – on the Grizedale Stages and Jenkins not improve, the former will claim a Silver Star…

Geoff Phelps (Escort) was 3rd on the Cambrian – and is currently 3rd in the points. However, that could also change by close of play!

Having set off at a canter early in the season, Boyd Kershaw/Keegan Rees (Escort MkII) suffered their third non-finish on the Cambrian – such a ratio putting paid to any aspirations the crew might have had for the year. Maximum Silver Star points scorers on the Nicky Grist, Ben Friend/Osian Owen (Escort MkII) had a mare of a day on the Cambrian, finishing the event under 'Super Rally' regulations with the inevitable effect on their scoring ability. Other two-wheel drive front-runners to suffer the indignity of early baths were Max Utting (Fiesta ST Max) and Bryan Jardine (Escort).

Geoff Phelps 3rd Silver Star driver

A similar situation to Silver Star exists in the BTRDA Historic Cup between Jordan/Jenkins and Jemison/Burkill! Baz is already confirmed as Historic Champion but Jenkins has got that man Burkill breathing down his neck again – see permutations above! Steve Korky Ward/John Millington (Escort MkII) maintain a 100% finishing record which sees them on the bottom step of the podium. This is unlikely to change between now and the end of the season – certainly for Ward but Millington is in with a long shot of taking runner-up spot. To be continued…

While they still lead the BTRDA Rallye R2 Cup, Rian Walker/Paul Gribben posted their first DNF of the season when their Adam went off – and stayed off! – on SS7. Whether they maintain station after

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Grizedale is really in the hands of the similar car of Tom Constantine/Tony Walker. The North Yorkshire crew has only contested four events to date but has come away with three maximums and a 2nd, to the point that finishing Grizedale should be enough to succeed Lewis Hooper as champion. Simple? Er, no!...

FUCHS LUBRICANTS BTRDA BRONZE STAR® CHAMPIONSHIP

MICRA LIGHTS UP!...

Dylan Fowler-Bishop/Dan Evans 1st Bronze Star

Having missed a couple of events during the season, defending Fuchs Lubricants BTRDA Bronze Star Champions, Dylan Fowler-Bishop/Dan Evans (Micra) are having to make the ones they do contest count! And a maximum on the Cambrian – their third so far this season – has done just that! Dale Glover/David Smalley (Alfasud TI) were their nearest challengers, with 2023/24 Champions Nigel & Kaz Jenkins (Nova) having a very subdued day to take 3rd.

Luke Watts/Matt Rogers' (MG ZR) 4th place was more than enough to ensure that they maintained prime spot in the points but, with just the one event to go, the series is very finely poised. While Watts/Rogers must be commended for their reliability (they've finished every round to date), both Fowler-Bishop/Evans and Glover/Smalley can both score sufficient points on the final round to overhaul them. So, expect sparks to be flying in the Lake District in a few weeks' time!

Dale Glover/David Smalley 2nd Bronze Star

Forced to throw in the towel on the Cambrian were Chris Bush/Rob Bryn Jones (Corsa) who stopped after SS3, Ed James/Kevin Lane (Micra Kit Car) hit a rock on the next one and Geraint Williams/Ifan Rowlands (Nova) didn't appear at the end of SS6.

Nigel & Kaz Jenkins 3rd Bronze Star

Photos by Kevin Money & Malcolm Almond

CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS: Competitors to check!

A full list of all the **Protyre Autocare BTRDA Rally Series** points after the Lewis & Hunter Cambrian Rally can be found in the Competitor section of **www.btrdarally.com**

Points can be found on the Sportity channel BTRDA2025

ON EVENT BTRDA REPRESENTATION

On the Grizedale Stages it will be Neil & Pete Cross (Friday), Sarah Jones & Matt Baddeley, the BTRDA Eligibility Scrutineer will be Geoff Doe.

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On the Lewis & Hunter Cambrian Rally the award goes to the Highest Placed Driver in Class H6 – **Ben Jemison**

On the Grizedale Stages the award will go the highest placed driver in **Class H15**.

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On the Lewis & Hunter Cambrian Rally the prizes were awarded to: -

- The winning driver in Class 10 No starters, awarded to Class 2 **Tim Green**
- The winning driver in class 5: **Geoff Phelps**

The two awards on the Grizedale Stages will be for **Class 1 & H15**

At the end of the 2026 season the highest placed Junior Driver who returns to the 2027 Protyre BTRDA Rally Series will receive a fuel deal for each round they enter.

MINTEX / QUESTMEAD BONUS SCHEME

The winners of the Mintex Awards on the Lewis & Hunter Cambrian Rally, each of whom receive a FREE set of competition brake pads from Questmead Ltd, are: -

Randomly selected starter in the Bronze Star: **Nigel Jenkins**

Randomly selected starter in the Gold Star/Silver Star: **Colin Minton**

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

The Coppermines Lakes Cottages Grizedale Stages Rally – Saturday 5 December

Based entirely within the Grizedale Forest block the final event of the championship offers some classic stages. The unseeded entry list will be published on Saturday 1 November, with entries finally closing on 21st November. The Sportity code is 2026GSR and further information can be found at www.grizedalestages.co.uk

2026 Season Awards – Saturday 17 January 2027

The Awards Evening for the Protyre BTRDA Rally Series and Kingfisher Insurance Motorsport UK English Rally Championship will take place at Drayton Manor Hotel on Saturday 17 January 2027, further details will be announced in the next few weeks

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 Protyre Autocare BTRDA Rally Series and the Kingfisher Insurance Motorsport UK 2026 English Rally Championship. 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. Checks will be carried out to ensure compliance with this.

We allow some latitude on the first round but from round 2 this will be strictly enforced.

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

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