

Spotlight

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Chairmans Chat

What a fantastic night it was, the SD34 MSG 2012 Championship Awards Presentation Evening held at Blackburn Rugby Club.

A pie & peas supper, presentation of the awards, by our special guest **Mick Briant**, and raffle was followed by a hugely entertaining forum comprised of **Messer's Briant, Grindrod, Morton and Graham**.

It took us back probably thirty years to one of the best periods of local motorsport ever, when road rallies were proper rallies.

I must express my sincere thanks to all those involved in organising and running the event and to our excellent guests and also say well done to all the award winners especially **Gary Heslop who was awarded the Brian Molyneux Award**.

There have already been eight events and you will see the current championship positions within. We have created a competitors e-mail distribution so we can get the positions to you as soon as possible, so when you register don't forget to add your e-mail address to the form.

It is unfortunate that I have to announce that **Lancaster Motor Club** is no longer a member club for reasons I will not elaborate here.

Good news is that we appear to have two more clubs interested in joining/rejoining so the Group is going from strength to strength.

Best regards,
Les Fragle,
Chairman & Secretary,
SD(34) Motor Sport Group



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CLITHEROE & DMC

The Club Meets at 8-30pm
Every Tuesday
at Waddington Sports & Social Club
Waddington, Nr Clitheroe
M/R 103 731 437

February Capers

Tuesday 19th February

Guest - Paul (the Barrow Taxi) Brereton



Paul Brereton/
Bob Hargreaves
Black Sheep Rally

Paul Brereton kept a packed audience entertained and enthralled with his stories of his exploits in Rally Cars over many years.

Paul is now 69 and still out competing on the lanes although built more for comfort than speed, these days, he still manages to finish in the top ten - and long may he continue to do so. Despite being a driver and not all that interested in the intricacies of complex navigation he explained his opinion on 'Navigation Rallies' - "If all Navigation Rallies were as good as the Clitheronian in route presentation then it would be OK but most Navigation events struggle to get entries because drivers can not get navigators to sit in with them and they suffer a small entry. New navigators are put off coming back. A thoroughly nice chap and a pleasure to meet. And funny to boot!

Tuesday 26th February

**Indoor Stage Rally
(Scalextics)**



Following a knock out format involving 26 members. **Steve Lewis** emerged as victor in a display of steady 'driving'?

Two Lap Terry spent too long off the track following a display of flamboyant (and entertaining) driving - almost broke my camera !!!

Forthcoming CDMC Clubnights

Tuesday 5th March

Navigational Scatter

Map 103

1st car 8pm

Waddy Club

Tuesday 19th March

Guest - Graham Coffey



Graham Coffey, recent winner of the
Neil Howard Memorial Stages at Oulton Park.

Tuesday 2nd April

PS3 - 'Richard Burns Rally'

Clitheroe & D.M.C.

Jack Neal Memorial Stages Rally

Sunday 10th March

A Qualifying round of the following

- SD34MSG Stage Rally Championship
- SD34MSG Inter-Club League
- Blyton Rally Challenge

Regs available at : www.cdmconline.com

Photo courtesy Tom Murphey - MURPHOTO

**Blyton Park,
Old Blyton Airfield,
Kirtan Road,
Blyton,
Gainsborough DN21 3PE**



STOCKPORT 061 MC

The Club Meets at 8pm onwards

Every Thursday

Please note

that back by popular demand weekly Thursday meetings. We have also changed our meeting venue to the upstairs room at Rising Sun, Hazel Grove. The 4th Thurs of the month is an 'Away' event

- **March 7, 2013** – On the Road Event
8:30 pm, Club Night
- **March 14, 2013** – Noggin & Natter / Committee Meeting 8:00 pm, Club Night
- **March 21, 2013** – Stages Rally Meeting & Remote Control Cars 8:30 pm, Club Night
- **March 23, 2013** – Set-Up for SMC Stages

WALLASEY MC

The Club Meets at 9-00pm

Every Monday

Port Sunlight Village Social Club

Bridge St, Port Sunlight CH62 4UP



Meet at the The Delph Tavern,

Tontine, Orrell WN5 8UJ

every second & fourth Monday of the month

Garstang & Preston MC

Meet at 8-30pm Every Tuesday

Lonsdale Club,

Fulwood Hall Ln,

Fulwood, Preston PR2 8BD



Bolton-le-Moors MC

The Club Meets at 9-00pm

every Thursday @ Horwich RMI Club,

Chorley New Rd, Horwich. M/R109/6111



WARRINGTON & DMC

Warrington & District Motor Club

Meet Every Monday

"The Antrobus Arms" on the A559, 8-30pm

between Warrington & Northwich.

CW9 6JD.



Fylde MSC

Meet at The Victoria Hotel,

Cleveleys

On the first Thursday of the month



Lancashire & Cheshire Car Club



Meets at 8-30pm on the 2nd Thursday
of each Month at the Roebuck Pub M41 6HD

2013 Calendar of L&CCC Events for 2013

2nd March Tour of Cheshire Rally

14 March

Mechanical Meyhem (Pit Stop Games)

Contact Dave Hensley

16 March

Awards Presentation & Club Party

The Village, Cheadle - Tickets from Ray Sumner

6/7 April

Display: Passion for Power - Event City

11 April

Speed Master Class

21 April

Derbyshire Sporting Trial, Longnor, Derbyshire

4 & 5 May

Ty Croes Weekend Sprints <http://www.ty-croes.com>

9 May

Graham's Quiz Night

13 June

Team Trivial Pursuits

July Treasure Hunt (date tbc)

And Club Supper

8 August

Noggin n Natter

30/1 Sept

Ty Croes Weekend Sprints www.ty-croes.com

12 Sept

Indoor Autotest (tbc)

29 Sept

Chairman's Challenge Autotest

at Demon Tweeks, Wrexham

10 Oct

Tranter's Teasers Quiz games for a laugh!

14 Nov

Ian Harwood Inter-Club Quiz

12 Dec

AGM & Social



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SD34MSG 2013 Calendar

Date	Type	League Club	Title	Venue - Notes
9-Mar	Stage Rally	Yes Clitheroe & Dist MC	Jack Neal Memorial Rally	Blyton airfield, Lincs
17-Mar	PCA	Yes Bolton-le-Moors CC	Bolton March PCA	Camelot Theme Park, Lancs
17-Mar	Autosolo	Yes Bolton-le-Moors CC	Bolton March Autosolo	Camelot Theme Park, Lancs
17-Mar	Stage Rally	Yes PDMC / GPMC	Lee Holland Stage Rally	Anglesey circuit, North Wales
24-Mar	Stage Rally	Yes Stockport 061 MC	Legend Fires SMC Stages	Weeton barracks, Blackpool
6-Apr	Road Rally	No Matlock MC	VK Derbyshire Rally	Derbyshire
21-Apr	Autotest	Yes Bolton-le-Moors CC	Bolton Autotest	Trafford Centre, Manchester
4-May	Sprint	Yes Lancs & Cheshire CC	Ty Croes Sprint Weekend	Anglesey circuit, North Wales
5-May	Sprint	Yes Lancs & Cheshire CC	Ty Croes Sprint Weekend	Anglesey circuit, North Wales
11-May	Stage Rally	Yes Wigan & Dist MC	Cetus Stages	3 Sisters, Wigan
10+11-May	Stage Rally	Yes Manx Auto Sport	Manx National	Isle of Man
18-May	Road Rally	Yes Stockport 061 MC	Altratech 061 Road Rally	Lancs / Derbys / Cheshire
19-May	PCA	Yes Accrington MSC	PCA 1	Lymm Services
19-May	Autosolo	Yes CSMA NW	Autosolo 2	Lymm Services
19-May	Autotest	Yes CSMA NW	Autotest 1	Lymm Services
15-Jun	Road Rally	Yes Garstang & Preston MC	Memorial Road Rally	Lancashire
16-Jun	PCA	Yes Bolton-le-Moors CC	Bolton June PCA	TBA
16-Jun	Autosolo	Yes Bolton-le-Moors CC	Bolton June Autosolo	TBA
16-Jun	Autotest	Yes Bolton-le-Moors CC	Bolton June Autotest	TBA
23-Jun	PCA	Yes Accrington MSC	PCA 2	Lymm Services
23-Jun	Autosolo	Yes CSMA NW	Autosolo 3	Lymm Services
23-Jun	Autotest	Yes CSMA NW	Autotest 2	Lymm Services
30-Jun	Autotest	No Knutsford	Tim Sargeant Memorial Autotest	Wrexham, Cheshire
7-Jul	Sprint	Yes Mull Car Club	Gravel Sprint	Isle of Mull
7-Jul	Stage Rally	Yes Warrington & Dist MC	Enville Stages Rally	Anglesey Circuit
13-Jul	PCA	Yes Under 17 MC NW	Training event	Blackburn Services, M65 Jt 4
14-Jul	PCA	Yes Under 17 MC NW	PCA 2	Blackburn Services, M65 Jt 4
14-Jul	Autosolo	Yes Under 17 MC NW	Autosolo 2	Blackburn Services, M65 Jt 4
14-Jul	Autotest	Yes CSMA NW	Autotest 3	Blackburn Services, M65 Jt 4
01+02-Nov	Stage Rally	Yes Manx Auto Sport	Poker Stars Stages	Isle of Man
21-Jul	Road Rally	No Morecambe CC	Morecambe Rally	Lancashire/Cumbria
3-Aug	Sprint	Yes ? LAC	3 Sisters Sprint	3 Sisters, Wigan
18-Aug	Hillclimb	Yes Pendle & Dist MC	August Hillclimb	Scammonden Dam, Huddersfield
24-Aug	PCA	Yes Under 17 MC NW	Training event	Blackburn Services, M65 Jt 4
25-Aug	PCA	Yes Accrington MSC	Summer PCA	Lymm Services
25-Aug	Autosolo	Yes Accrington MSC	Summer Autosolo	Blackburn Services
25-Aug	Autotest	Yes CSMA NW	Summer Autotest	Blackburn Services
31-Aug	Sprint	Yes Lancs & Cheshire CC	Ty Croes Sprint Weekend	Anglesey circuit, North Wales
1-Sep	Sprint	Yes Lancs & Cheshire CC	Ty Croes Sprint Weekend	Anglesey circuit, North Wales
08+09-Sep	Stage Rally	Yes Wallasey MC	Promenade Stages	New Brighton Promenade
8-Sep	Road Rally	No Spadeadam MC	Countdown Navigation Rally	
15-Sep	PCA	Yes Bolton-le-Moors CC	Bolton September PCA	Camelot Theme Park, Lancashire
15-Sep	Autosolo	Yes Bolton-le-Moors CC	Bolton September Autosolo	Camelot Theme Park, Lancashire
21 Sept	Road Rally	No Hexham & District MC	John Robson Navigation Rally	Northumberland
28-Sep	Road Rally	Yes Clitheroe & Dist MC	The Clitheronian Road Rally	Lancs / Yorks
29-Sep	Autotest	Yes Lancs & Cheshire CC	Chairman's Challenge Autotest	Demon Tweeks, Wrexham
29-Sep	Stage Rally	Yes PDMC / GPMC	Heroes Stage Rally	Weeton barracks, Blackpool
11-13-Oct	Stage Rally	Yes Mull Car Club	Mull Rally	Isle of Mull
13-Oct	PCA	Yes Bolton-le-Moors CC	Bolton October PCA	Camelot Theme Park, Lancs
13-Oct	Autosolo	Yes Bolton-le-Moors CC	Bolton October Autosolo	Camelot Theme Park, Lancs
13-Oct	Stage Rally	Yes Wigan & Dist MC	The Adgespeed Stages	3 Sisters, Wigan
19-Oct	Road Rally	Yes Bolton-le-Moors CC	Bolton Road Rally	
20-Oct	Autosolo	No Knutsford	Autosolo	
20-Oct	Autotest	No Knutsford	Autotest	
16-Nov	Stage Rally	Yes Bolton-le-Moors CC	Neil Howard Memorial Rally	Oulton Park
23-Nov	Stage Rally	Yes Clitheroe & Dist MC	The Hall Trophy	Blyton airfield, Lincs
7-Dec	PCA	Yes Under 17 MC NW	Training event	Blackburn Services, M65 Jt 4
8-Dec	PCA	Yes Accrington MSC	Winter PCA	Lymm Services
8-Dec	Autosolo	Yes Accrington MSC	Winter Autosolo	Blackburn Services, M65 Jt 4
8-Dec	Autotest	Yes CSMA NW	Winter Autotest	Blackburn Services, M65 Jt 4

2013 SD34MSG Championship Rounds at a Glance

SD34MSG Stage Rally Championship

Date	Event	Club
March		
9th	Jack Neal Memorial	CDMC
17th	Lee Holland Stages	PDMC & GPMC
24th	Legend Fires SMC Stages	Stockport061
May		
11th	Cetus Stages	Wigan & DMC
10/11	Manx National	IOMAS
July		
7th	Enville Stages	WarringtonDMC
September		
08/09	Promenade Stages	Wallesey MC
29th	Heroes Stages	PDMC & GPMC
October		
11-13	Mull	Mull CC
13th	Adgespeed Stages	Wigan & DMC
November		
8/9th	Poker Stars Stages	IOMAS
16th	Neil Howard Memorial Stages	BLMCC
23rd	Hall Trophy Stages Rally	CDMC

SD34MSG Junior Championship

Date	Event	Club
March		
17th	PCA	BLMCC
April		
28th	Lymm PCA	Accrington MSC
June		
16th	PCA	BLMCC
23rd	PCA	Accrington MSC
July		
13th	PCA	U17Club NW
14th	PCA	U17Club NW
August		
25th	PCA	U17Club NW
26th	PCA	Accrington MSC
September		
15th	PCA	BLMCC
October		
13th	PCA	BLMCC
20th	PCA	Knutsford MC
December		
7th	PCA	U17Club NW
8th	PCA	Accrington MSC

SD34MSG Marshals Championship

All SD34MSG Member Club Events
See SD34MSG Calendar for Dates (Page 7)

SD34MSG None Race/None Rally

Date	Event	Club
March		
17th	PCA / AS	BLMCC
April		
21st	AT	BLMCC
May		
4th	Sprint	L&CCC
5th	Sprint	L&CCC
19th	PCA	Accrington MSC
19th	AS / AT	CSMA NW
June		
16th	PCA / AS / AT	BLMCC
23th	PCA	Accrington MSC
23th	AS / AT	Accrington
July		
13th	AS	U17Club NW
14th	PCA / AS	U17Club NW
14th	AT	CSMA NW
August		
3rd	Sprint	LAC
18th	Hillclimb	Pendle
24th	PCA	U17Club NW
25th	PCA / AS	Accrington MSC
25th	AT	CSMA NW
31th	Sprint	L&CCC
September		
1st	Sprint	L&CCC
15th	AS / PCA	BLMCC
29th	AT	L&CCC
October		
13th	PCA / AS	BLMCC
20th	PCA	Knutsford MC
December		
7th	PCA	U17Club NW
8th	PCA / AS	Accrington MSC
8th	AT	CSMA NW

SD34MSG Road Rally

Date	Event	Club
March		
23/24	Ryemoor Trophy	Malton MC
April		
14/15	Kick Energy (VK)	Matlock MC
May		
18/19	Altratech Rally	Stockport061
June		
15/16	Memorial Rally	GPMC
July		
21/22	Morecambe Rally	Morecambe CC
September		
08/09	Countdown	Spadeadam MC
15th	John Robson	Hexham DMC
28/29	Clitheronian	CDMC
October		
20/21	Bolton Rally	Bolton LMCC

2013 SD34 MSG CHAMPIONSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

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NAME;

ADDRESS;

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POSTCODE;

HOME TEL. NO;

MOBILE NO;

E-MAIL ADDRESS;

Please Tick this box if you
are under 18yrs of age

SD34 NOMINATED CLUB (one club only).....

Please register me for the SD34 Championships listed below;

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SIGNATURE.....DATE.....

Please forward the completed SD34 registration form with registration fee of £5.00 to; SD34 MSG

,c/o Mrs.M.Duckworth,12 Silsden Ave.,Ribbleton, Preston.PR2 6XB

Registration commences on date of receipt of application form or on advance notification by e-mail.

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N.B. You do not need to register in order to claim points_for the Interclub league championship but you must register for the individual or disciplined championships.

CHAMPIONSHIP	Tick to Register	Driver Co-Driver/ Navigator Delete as appropriate	Class Delete as appropriate	Official SD34 Use only
STAGE RALLY		DRIVER CO DRIVER	A / B / C / D (Cls) A / B / C / D	
ROAD RALLY		DRIVER NAVIGATOR	Exp / Semi / Nov Exp / Semi / Nov	
NONE RACE / RALLY			A / B / C / D / E / F / G	

MARSHALLING POINTS. If you are registering as driver and navigator/co-driver in the same discipline you must nominate which you want marshalling points to be awarded to.

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CLASSES

Stage Rally; A = up to 1400cc, B = 1401 to 1600cc, C = 1601 to 2000cc, D = over 2000cc & 4wd

Road Rally; Expert; A competitor who, in the role registered has finished in the top 10 of a Nat B Or higher grade rally.

Semi Expert; All competitors not eligible for Expert or Novice class.

Novice; A competitor in the role registered who has never won an award other than a team award.

None Race A = saloon cars up to 13ft long and up to and including 1400cc.

/None Rally B = Saloon cars up to 13ft long and over 1400cc.

C= Saloon cars over 13ft long and up to and including 1600cc.

D= Saloon cars over 13ft long and over 1601cc. (Saloons will include estate cars, hatchbacks and commercials as appropriate)

E= Sports cars.

F = Specials.

G = Special Stage rally cars.

2013 Championship Tables

League - 2013

Division A			
Club	Points	Div	O/A
Clitheroe & DMC	122	2	3
Bolton-le-Moors CC	125	1	2
Stockport061	39	6	8
Warrington & DMC	45	4	6
CSMA (NW)	0	7	=13
Accrington MSC	75	3	4
Wallasey MC	45	5	7
Division B			
Club	Points	Div	O/A
Garstang & Preston MC	30	2	9
Wigan MC	18	4	11
Lancs & Cheshire CC	17	5	12
Pendle & DMC	0	=6	=13
Mull CC	19	3	10
High Moor MC	0	=6	=13
Manx AS	55	1	5
Division C			
Club	Points	Div	O/A
U17MC-NW	220	1	1
Bury AC	0	=2	=13
Fylde MSC	0	=2	=13
2300	0	=2	=13
Lightning MSC	0	=2	=13
Motorsport NW Ltd	0	=2	=13

Stage Rally Championship

O/A	Driver	pts	Class	Club
1	Arron Newby	55	C	CDMC
=2	Graham Chesters	27	B	GPMC
=2	Ross Miller	27	C	CDMC
=2	Danny Brown	27	A	U17
=2	Phil Jennings	27	C	Warr
=2	Chris Woodcock	27	A	CDMC
=7	Jim McDowell	26	B	Mull
=7	Hazel Johnson	26	A	CSMA
=7	Michael Judson	26	C	CDMC
=7	John Ric Wood	26	D	GPMC

O/A	Co-Driver	pts	Class	Club
1	Steve Butler	55	A	CDMC
=2	Gary Heslop	27	D	HMMC
=2	Steve Coombes	27	C	Wall
=2	George Jennings	27	C	Warr
=5	Ian Raynor	26	B	CDMC
=5	Paul Blanchard	26	C	CDMC

Road Rally Championship

O/A	Driver	pts	Club
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
O/A	Navigator	pts	Club
1			
2			
3			
4			
5.			

Non Race/Rally Championship

O/A	Competitor	pts	Club
1.	Simon Robinson	40.94	U17
2.	David Robinson	31.03	U17
3.	Matt Faulkner	20.44	U17
4.	Steve Lewis	19.71	CDMC
5.	Steve Kennell	19.69	CDMC
6.	Steve Price	10.00	BLMCC
7.	Steve Johnson	10.69	U17
8.	Will Jarman	9.96	U17
9.	Hazel Johnson	9.70	U17
10.	Daniel Baxter	9.59	AMSC
11.	Angela Jones	9.52	U17

Individual Championship

O/A	Competitor	pts	Q	Club
1.	Hazel Johnson	11	Y	U17MC
2.	Simon Robinson	28	N	U17MC
3.	Daniel Barker	27	N	U17MC
4.	David Robinson	20	N	U17MC
5.	Steve Kennell	16	N	CDMC
=6.	Steve Butler	15	N	CDMC
=6.	Steve Price	15	N	BLMCC
8.	Steve Lewis	13	N	CDMC
9.	Matthew Faulkner	11	N	U17MC
=10.	Danny Brown	10	N	U17MC
=10.	Ian Bruce	10	N	BLMCC
=10.	Arron Newby	10	N	CDMC
=10.	David Terry	10	N	U17MC
=10.	Steve Terry	10	N	U17MC
=10.	Darren Riley	10	N	U17MC

2013 SD34MSG

MARSHALS CHAMPIONSHIP

Accrington MSC

Manx AC

Bolton-le-Moors MC

Mull CC

Bury AC

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Fylde MSC

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Wallasey MC

Garstang & Preston MC

Warrington & DMC

High Moor MC

Gary Heslop	20	Gerry Morris	10
Andrew Morris	10	Stephen Holmes	10
Gary Jakeman	10	Mathew Jakeman	10

Ann McCormack	20	Jo Mackman	20
Dave Read	20	William O'Brien	20
Robbie O'Brien	20	Mark Carter	20
Colin Cresswell	10	Steve Prince	10
Denise Burns	10	Allan Burns	10
Ian Heywood	10	Colin Burgess	10
Mike Spears	10	Stuart Deeley	10
Chris Wellburn	10		

Lancs & Cheshire MC

Wigan MC

Lightning MC

2300

The Next SD34MSG Meeting
Wednesday 20th March
 (3rd Wednesday of every other month)
8-00pm,
Hartwood Hall Hotel, Chorley.
Just off M61 at J8 109 / 583 181



Junior Drivers 2012

This first year of the new ANWCC Junior Driver's Championship was hotly contested by some 25+ juniors.

The top 5 are listed below.

Pos	Name	Club	Pts	Award
1	Simon Robinson	Accrington/U17ClubNW	142	1st Junior Driver
2	Matthew Faulkner	Bolton/U17/Warrington	116	2nd Junior Driver
3	Hazel Johnson	CSMA/U17/Accrington/	115	3rd Junior Driver
4	Ste Terry	F1000	104	
5	Mark Hella	Ilkley	101	

The top two drivers are only 16 years of age. Could they be stars of the future?

Thanks to the generosity of some motor clubs, extra awards have been secured. The ANWCC championship committee have allocated these as 'best fit' to the driver's current skills and events competed on, that way they have the cars available to take up the offers. Extra awards are free entries on the following events.

Winner

Matt Faulkner

1 entry Cetus Stages 11 May 2013 Wigan DMC

Hazel Johnson

1 entry Keith Frecker Memorial Stages Rally

9th June 2013 Blackpool SSMC

Simon Robinson 1 entry Aintree Sprint 29th June 2013 Liverpool Motor Club

3 entries Car Trail 20th July 2013 North Wales CC All

3 entries AutoSOLO 13th July 2013 Under 17 MC NW

All

This is a great reward to these young drivers and will help them to gain more driving experience to allow them to develop their driving skills.

Please can you thank your Motor Club for it kind offer to the ANWCC Junior Championship and please feel free to publicise your clubs kind work.



ANCC AGM

8th April 2013

Whitcliffe Hotel,
Cleckheaton (104 / 186 255)



Next Meeting

Tuesday May 14th

Tofts Cricket Club, Booths Hall,
 Chelford Rd., Knutsford,
 Cheshire, WA16 8OP

www.anwcc.org/

SD34MSG Inter-Club Table Top Challenge

Pos	Name	Penalties	Points
1	Steve Butler	0F 3m	12
=2	Matt Worden	1F 1m	10
=2	Terry Martin	CoC	10
=4	Maurice Ellison	2F 0m	9
=4	Tony Vart	2F 0m	9
=6	Gavin Holmes	5F 4m	8
=6	Matt Kiziuk	5F 4m	8
8	Steve Lewis	5F 5m	7
=9	Sam Hargreaves	OTL	6
=9	Danny Hartley	OTL	6

Next Round (round 2)

Tuesday April 16th

Maps 102 & 103

CofC : Maurice Ellison

Bolton-le-Moors CC win the **ANWCC Rally of the Year** award for their **Neil Howard Stages Rally** held at Oulton Park & also **ANWCC Club of the year**



Award Winners

Table Top Rally Championship

1st O/A Terry Martin CDMC

None Race/Rally Championship

1st O/A Stephen Mather BLMCC

1st Class A Steve Johnson CSMA
2nd Class A Steve Lewis CDMC
1st Class B Steve Price BLMCC
1st Class E Steve Kennel CDMC

Road Rally Championship

Drivers

1st O/A Pete Tyson LMC
1st Exp Simon Boardman CDMC
2nd Exp Andie Ritchie LMC
1st Semi Pete Jagger BLMCC
1st Novice Steve Hudson G&PMC

Navigators

1st O/A Alan Barnes G&PMC
1st Exp Maurice Ellison LMC
2nd Exp Susan McClean G&PMC
1st Semi Tom Byrne G&PMC

Stage Rally Championship

Drivers

1st O/A Steve Quigley CDMC
1st Class A Steve Johnson CSMA
1st Class B Garry Jakeman HMMC
1st Class C Keith Douthwaite WMC
1st Class D Ian Savage HMMC

Co-Drivers

1st O/A Terry Martin CDMC
1st Class A Steve Butler CSMA
1st Class B Matthew Jakeman HMMC
1st Class C Neil Bye BLMCC
2nd Class C Tony King WMC
1st Class D Gary Heslop HMMC

Individual Championship

1st O/A Steve Johnson CSMA
2nd O/A Steve Mather BLMCC
3rd O/A Steve Price BLMCC

Marshals Championship

1st O/A Les Fragle G&PMC
=2nd O/A Eve Fisher, Graham Bray CSMA
Ian & Andrew Brown PDMC
Billy & Robert O'Brien W&DMC

Inter Club League

1st O/A Clitheroe & DMC
1st Div A Bolton-le-Moors CC
1st Div B CSMA
1st Div C Wigan MC

Niel Molyneux Award

Gary Heslop HMMC



Mick Briant Ian Grindrod Malc Graham John Morton



Following the Awards (see left for recipients) we were right royally entertained with a forum consisting of Mick Briant, John Morton and Malc Graham with Ian Grindrod as the compare/question master.

Mr. Graham has lost none of his humour and wit and is a very difficult man to compete with or manage on a forum. Malc had the packed audience rolling in the aisles with his stories - fairly normal for Malc. It has been a long time since he was a regular attraction at Club nights around the North West and the Car Club Nights have been the poorer for it. Having said that Malc is both difficult to manage or compete with on a forum - John Morton and Ian Grindrod put up an equally impressive show Malc did not get it all his own way and the banter between them was brilliant, however Mick is a little more serious - probably why he won three Motoring News titles

Photos Neil Johnson - Lancashire Telegraph

"I am still getting over the extremely nice "surprise" of being awarded the Brian Molyneux Award at the SD34 MSG 2012 Awards Evening.

I first met Brian at SD34 MSG monthly Committee meetings (think it was at Goosnargh or before that) many years ago, when I first attended as delegate for High Moor MC.

Although I didn't know him as well as others present, I was aware of the history of the Tour Of Mull and Brian's involvement through our fellow HMMC club members George Hill and the "great" late Keith Wood (and later George's daughter Jayne).

To be nominated and then chosen for such a prestigious and recognised award within NW Motorsport as last night is mind blowing to be honest.

I'm sorry that I was speechless upon realisation as Alan Shaw read out the "list of NW Motorsport/SD34 MSG achievements". I was completely "gob smacked".

As I said to several people after the brilliantly entertaining forum featuring Mick Briant, Ian Grindrod, John Morton, and Malc Graham, I "just do what I do" for the love of Motorsport in putting a "little bit back" into an environment (SD34 MSG) where I have so many motorsport and lifelong friends, and now some clients.

The four fellas on the forum were amongst names (along with George and Keith) I looked up to from a teenager following my Dad in his Road Rallying and Hillclimb days, and later being "allowed" to sit with Dad on many Stage Rallies.

I was extremely fortunate to have come across such a very good and wily teacher in the late "great" KEITH WOOD, and took in a lot of useful information from him in my youth. The other notable "teacher" in my youth was a gentleman in my early years in HMMC "KEN BIDEN". He was one of those "unsung heroes" you get in a Motor Club, who did all the paperwork, the results at Oulton Park on HMMC Stage Rallies. He "allowed" lil' ol' young me to assist him in the Officials Office at events. I thought I had "made it" then.

Little did I know! I hope both of these gentlemen are "watching over me", saying Gary's doing a grand job!

Also Ian Savage allowing me to be his "Co-Driver" more recently is considered an honour in my eyes, as he was ANWCC Stage Driver Champion in 1993 and 1994 and winner of countless NW Stage events over the years. Obviously I already "knew" Ian due to attending NW Stage Rallies and Hillclimbs as mentioned earlier.

Malc Graham later asked me to mention him to Ian Savage (as Ian was one of the people who had given him some "really useful driving advice" years ago at Blyton).

Along with the BM award, even that comment was still mind blowing to me in the course of NW Motorsport circles.

(I mentioned this to Ian on Saturday morning, who instinctively remarked that Malc's Registration Number ended in "GOB". Brilliant.)

In summary, thank you to whoever nominated me for the Brian Molyneux Award in 2012. It means so much personally, and so does SD34 MSG along with all those friends and acquaintances I mentioned earlier, and many, many others amongst North West motorsport events and meetings.

Congratulations to all fellow Award Winners and officials/marshals/competitors within SD34 MSG events throughout 2012. Many thanks to Chris, Heidi, Maurice and Terry for organising the Awards Night at Blackburn Rugby Club, to the staff and helpers, to Mick Briant, Ian Grindrod, John Morton, and Malc Graham, and to the many people who attended and contributed to such an entertaining night"

Gary Heslop High Moor Motor Club & the Brian Molyneux Award Winner 2012.



Mick Briant

Gary Heslop

Alan Shaw



**Ian (Speedy) Harrison
& Malc Graham**



Geoff Birkett

Tough debut for Griffin

JOHN EASSON Scholarship winner Matt Griffin made his 2013 debut on the North West Stages with a new car. Griffin, from Blackburn, was using the event as a shakedown for the Renault Clio 172 he will be using in this year's British Rally Championship.

"The car was only completed on two days before the event. There had been problems with the new Quaife gearbox, which didn't fit properly, so a standard box had to go back in," said Griffin, 22.

"When it came to the rally itself, we had a lot of problems with brakes and a lack of grip. The car was on standard tyres, and in the damp, greasy conditions, the car swung from one extreme to the other. "And it wasn't helped by brakes that were either fully on or off. It all came to an end at Weeton, when we lost all drive with a suspected broken clutch.

"I'm not too disappointed. The idea was to check the car and help get it set up for the BRC, which starts in April so it was a useful exercise."

Hazel puts hammer down

A LUMPHAMMER and a Ford Transit van were the key to Hazel Johnson getting to the finish of her first North West Stages. The 20-year-old university student from Accrington went off on the Friday night stage on Blackpool Promenade. Johnson and co-driver Steve Butler hit the sea wall in their Falken Tyresshod Nissan Micra. The impact pushed the front bulkhead back four inches, and although driveable, her service crew had just 30 minutes to get the car straight again.

"We tied a rope from Transit van to the sumpguard to try and pull out the damage, when that didn't work, a 28lb lumphammer did the trick," said Hazel. "I didn't think I would get going again, but thanks to my dad Steve, Matt Faulkner and the rest of the service crew, we managed it. "They worked so hard to get me back out, I had to finish for them. It was such a long and hard event, it's definitely true what they say, it's a marathon not a sprint."

Second place went to former winners Kevin

Procter and Dave Bellerby, who struggled to overcome the one minute road penalty incurred in their ex-Petter Solberg Subaru Impreza WRC.

Once again, the rally proved to be a tough challenge for all the crews taking part, with a gruelling 26 stages spread across Friday night and Saturday at five venues in the North West.

New for 2013 were stages at Fleetwood docks and the Trax Motorsport site in Preston.

But it was the three favourites, Weeton Army Camp, Fleetwood sea front and Blackpool Promenade that caught out many crews. The combination of sub-zero temperatures and an icy, sandladen surface at Fleetwood made the going extremely slippery, with the first split causing havoc throughout the field.

Blackburn's John Stone, one of the favourites for victory in his Skoda Fabia WRC, went off on Blackpool Promenade.

Although his service crew were able to repair the car in time for Saturday, Stone and co-driver Lee Carter crashed out on stage 11 at Weeton.

"We've had better rallies, but I'm certainly taking nothing but positives away from the weekend," he said. "As the sponsor of the North West Stages, I'm very honoured to be linked with the event and look forward to carrying on our relationship over the years."

Last year's winner Tony Bardy, who kept the crowds entertained in his Nissan Sunny Gti, made it to stage 18 before a power steering failure ended his chances.

Neil Johnson - Lancashire Telegraph



Matt Griffin



Hazel Johnson



John Stone



Tony Bardy



Kevin Procter

The North West Stages continues to use the tremendous facilities on offer at the Norbreck Castle Hotel in Blackpool as it's base with spectator friendly stages across the road both on the seafront at Bispham and at Fleetwood Promenade. As the 88 competitors left the early evening darkness outside the hotel, they could look forward to 75 miles of competition crammed into 26 stages of non-stop action.

Anderson's rally got off to a good start with 4th fastest around the opening 1.65 miles of kart track outside Preston before a stall at the first split on the next Clifton test dropped time – 20 seconds in fact before he was on his way again. The Durham crew would go to their beds on Friday night content in 13th place knowing there'd be plenty of opportunities on Saturday to move up. Anderson was up against it in the technical nature of the promenade tests but his commitment into the chicanes and hairpins was a sight to behold. However, he struggled against the 4-wheel drive of the opposition to get away down the next straight. He had no major incidents for the rest of the event just a slight skirmish with the water butt on the last chicane on Fleetwood 4. The longer 5-mile stages of Weeton suited the Fiesta better and Chris continued his rise through the top 10 all day so that at final service he was holding 4th place but 26 seconds adrift of 3rd. A big push over the next 5 stages, including overtaking 2 Mitsubishiis on the final run of Weeton, would see that gap reduce to 2 seconds. Over the final 3 miles of Clifton he was 6 quicker and so the job was done to take an excellent 3rd overall. This was Chris's first attempt at the rally and he used his best attributes to the full; he kept things very tidy, he has a knack of judging the conditions and driving to them – a very accomplished drive for a young man.

Howard Chopping and Ken Bills finished with a fine 8th overall. Howard may be new to North of England Tarmac Stage Rally championship but Ken brings loads of experience to guide Howard on the right road. Their Subaru Impreza got them off to a steady start but only 13th fastest before they could use their power / traction combination to good effect. They quickly moved up the leaderboard to go into parc ferme as the leading championship runners. Saturday was about consolidation but they seemed to lose out on the twisty tests run in the Docks and their only regular problem was water coming onto the windscreen under braking. This necessitated running most of the time with the wipers on! At one point they managed to get up to 4th overall but by the finish they had dropped down to 8th place and they'd got their campaign off to a good start.

Finishing in 13th overall were Alistair Hutchinson and St John Dykes in the Renault Clio. The boys from Northallerton AC know from experience that this is a long hard event and recorded a fine 10th overall 2 years ago when seeded at 33. And even starting from 33 this year, they never quite managed to emulate that earlier result. It was a steady start that saw them in 11th overall at the overnight stop and a consistent, trouble free run on Saturday that was only spoilt in the final test when, similar to the Jack Frost Stages, they lost out on the last stage. Approaching a mid stage junction, Alistair reckons that he hit the brake pedal 6 feet after he'd reached his braking point. The resultant lockup sent him down an escape road and what seemed like an age passed, 40 seconds, before he was back on the stage again. Their only damage all rally were broken bumpers, the front one having only being painted and fitted 4 days earlier! They both lead their respective championship tables now after 3 rallies.

Next up were Craig Pennington and Michael Calvert in the Mitsubishi Evo9. They were one of a dozen crews credited with a stage maximum on the first stage of the rally and despite discussions and queries with the organisers they were left to suffer the loss of about 2 minutes. The remaining 25 stages were about getting back up the leader board and they recorded 17 top ten times to end up in 15th overall – another handy result. The car worked fine all weekend but they were left to ponder the 'what if' scenario.

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(Continued from Page 16) And finishing 1 place and 1 second behind were Duncan Wardrop and Ian Crosbie. The Subaru Impreza crew haven't been out on the stages much in the last couple of years due to work commitments so were a little short on match practice. A steady start on Friday night found them in 29th place before confidence grew in the daylight and the times improved. They'd made it up to 12th by final service but then slipped back 4 places over the final 4 tests run in the dark. They were slightly disappointed at the end but glad to have had a good, clean run. The husband and wife team of Jon and Alison Trenholme were next along in their Subaru Impreza. Friday's 5 stages were cautious as they settled into 28th place. Things got better on Saturday as they improved 13 places but just like Wardrop/Crosbie they also lost out over the final pair of stages run in the dark. However, they were delighted to finish 18th on Alison's first multi venue rally.

Right behind in 19th overall were Mark Thompson and Phil Kenny in the Peugeot 206. This was also Phil's first attempt at multi venue rally so he was so pleased to come through the pressure unscathed. Mark was pleased to get the car to the finish without a scratch on it as well but his old problem of a long brake pedal returned on the Saturday's tests. It never lost them any time or caused any dramas so long as Mark remembered to pump the pedal up going down long straights.

The Ford Escort Cosworth of Keith and Jackie Richardson was back out after lots of money had been spent over the recent months. It certainly was money well spent as they made it to the finish despite incurring a stage maximum at Clifton both on the Friday night and Saturday afternoon runs. They'd return to the Norbreck on Saturday night in 22nd position. Stuart Walker and Julie McGuire had a trying rally in the Mitsubishi Evo9. They finished 27th overall and were really pleased as Julie found it to be the most intense rally she's done so far with lots of steep learning curves. And they had some good fun out there too.

Bill Bates enlisted the services of his daughter Kari Bosworth in the hot seat for his first rally in a while. Bill's another who has had to put his rallying on the back burner for a while as work took over. After a steady ease back into rallying on Friday night, the pairing found themselves in 63rd place back at the overnight halt. Saturday saw them have a trouble free day and finish in 44th overall. We look forward to seeing him contest a few more rallies later this year too.

So what about those who never managed to get back to the finish ? Paul Dolan and Chris Purvis were the first retirements on Friday night when their clutch packed in on the first Clifton. Paul Swift / David Cox made it into Saturday but only the second test along Fleetwood Promenade before a half shaft let go. They'd dropped a couple of minutes on Friday's opening stage when the Ford Escort became beached on tyre markers and they had to stop. They fought their way up the leaderboard from 74th to 15th and they'd just recorded fastest time over the first run at Fleetwood before disaster struck. The first pair of runs around Weeton Camp spelt the end for both John Stone and Darren Doherty. Both these drivers have won this rally over the years but 2013 would see John and Lee Carter's Fabia retire with accident damage while Darren and Andrew Falconer called it a day with suspension problems. Geoff Simpson and Mick Johnson were another crew to suffer at the kart track stage on Friday evening and like Swift/Cox, were on a charge to make up lost time from 77th overall. By SS11 they had taken their Mitsubishi up to 22nd when they locked up and t-boned a wall on Fleetwood Promenade. Geoff was shaken up but able to get out of the car while Mick didn't feel too good. The stage was stopped to let the medics have a look and 40 minutes later the rescue crews cut Mick out of the car. He was discharged from hospital after a precautionary check and our best wishes go to both of them for a full and speedy recovery.

Once again we must thank Motor Sport (North West) Ltd for putting together a fantastic show over the whole rally weekend. **The Legend Fires North West Stages** continues to provide a real, nonstop challenge for competitors with it's stages run in many different conditions. And there's plenty to interest spectators both indoors at the Rally Village and out on the Promenade stages as well. The whole event experience is a great platform to showcase rallying to the man in the street as well as the die-hard enthusiast. This year the organisers had managed some slightly better weather too with overcast skies and 4°C for most of the day until the sea fret rolled in off the Irish Sea on Saturday teatime.





Paul Bird made up for the disappointment of last year to take a comfortable win on the Legend Fires North West Stages Rally based in Blackpool and immediately dedicated the win to his daughter!

The Langwathby near Penrith driver took the lead after the opening stage on Friday night and was never headed over the next 25 stages as the expected challengers couldn't match the pace of the Fuchs Titan, Rapid Solicitors and Kick Energy-backed Frank Bird Poultry Ford Focus WRC07 driver.

Along with Welsh co driver Aled Davies, the pair held a 41 second lead overnight before gradually increasing their advantage throughout today to reach the Blackpool finish line this evening one minute and 26 seconds ahead of second placed former winner Kevin Procter, who incurred a one minute road penalty on Friday evening.

Last year, Bird was hit with a hefty road penalty of six minutes before recovering to end up fifth but there were no such problems this year for the 2005 National Champion who will again combine selected rallies with his PBM UK team owner duties in MotoGP and British Superbikes.

As well as making up for last year's disappointment, the win signalled the end of Bird's run of three successive retirements when he was leading the Manx and Grizedale Stages before sliding off the road and then co driver Kirsty Riddick sustaining a hand injury at Croft which forced them out of the Jack Frost Rally last month.

More importantly, it's a step in a positive direction for Paul who has recently had some well documented problems in his personal life and also with his health but after losing over three stones in weight over winter after returning to training, he is determined that this is a fresh start.

Paul Bird: "I'd like to dedicate this win is for my daughter Lexi who I haven't seen recently so I wanted to do it for her. OK, I've had it tough lately but this is the new me and I'm determined to turn things around. I've always wanted to win this rally and this is another achievement in the right direction. Apart from one spin this morning, I've not put a foot wrong and the car was perfect. Aled was simply brilliant on the notes and I can't thank him enough but once we had built a lead, I backed it off as I really wanted to win this. I'm in the best shape I've been in a long time; I feel I'm driving the best I have done in ages so hopefully we can continue in this vein as I'm loving driving the car again."



Darlington's Paul Swift saw his hopes of a good result disappear when mechanical failure saw him retire after just seven stages of the Legend Fires North West Stages Rally.

Along with co-driver David Cox, the defending AS Performance North of England Tarmac Rally and Fuchs Titan Race ANCC Stage Rally Tarmac Champion was hoping to improve on last year's 15th place finish overall but his rally couldn't have got off to a worse start on Friday night when a spin on the opening Trax stage saw the car stranded in mud and by the time the marshals had extracted him, Paul was languishing down in 74th place.

Undeterred, the seven times British champion fought back with a top ten time on the opening Clifton stage to bump himself up to 39th which he followed up with a cracking sixth fastest on the second run in the 2.4 litre Millington Ford Escort Mk2 to elevate himself to 26th overall.

The next two tests were on Blackpool Promenade and in front of the usual massive crowd at the popular resort, Swift scorched to an incredible fourth fastest on each stage to hold an impressive 18th overall at the overnight halt.

Saturday dawned bright but cold and Swift immediately set about making up for lost time as he set a quite simply sensational fastest time on the opening Fleetwood stage to climb to 15th overall but on the very next run through the same stage, a half shaft broke meaning he had to limp out of the stage and into retirement.

A disappointed Paul commented: "I can't start to describe how I feel as I think we could have made a serious impact on the leaderboard if we hadn't broken the half shaft. I was on the back foot from the start as a silly spin on the very narrow kart track which comprised the opening stage saw us get stuck in the mud and we lost at least a minute. From there, the only way was up and our times were competitive but sadly, on SS7, there was a big bang and we were going nowhere. We've spent a lot of time developing the engine so we now need to look at the transmission as we are producing a lot more power which leads to things like this happening. Right now, I'm off for a pint to help ease the pain!"



Rally Village at the Norbreck Castle Hotel



Hazel Johnson gets the third degree from Bob Molloy



Arron Newby (Car 0)



Matt Griffin

Clitheroe & DMC member and Carnforth teenager **Arron Newby** continued his meteoric rise to stardom when he took outright victory on the Chris Kelly Memorial Stages and in doing so, took the lead in the Eurostars Motorsport.com Manx Rally Championship & SD34MSG Stage Rally Championship. Driving the Pirelli-sponsored and TEG Sport-prepared Subaru Impreza along with local Manx co-driver Rob Fagg on the notes, the 18-year-old was keen to add to his list of successes over the past year since taking to the four-wheel drive car. Friday night's loop of stages in the wet and dark proved no problem for Newby and despite being awarded a notional time some 35 seconds slower than expected when a stage was stopped, he arrived at the overnight halt in an amazing second place just 51 seconds behind the local crew of Nigel and Michaela Cannell in their Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 9. Saturday saw another mixture of conditions meaning tyre choice was always going to be a compromise but opting for the Pirelli RE7 intermediates proved the correct choice as 'Azz' hit the front with fastest time on the 13-mile St Judes stage as the Cannells suffered a puncture.

33 seconds to the good, Newby added to his lead with fastest times on the next two stages to hold a 59 second advantage at the morning's first service and from there it was a case of trying to protect his lead. But Arron was not content with consolidating it and by the second loop of stages, he'd upped his lead to over a minute and a half such was his pace.

Arron continued his charge over the final three stages to emerge as the youngest winner of a Manx-based rally with a victory margin of an unprecedented 1 minute 45 seconds at the finish after over 110 stage miles this evening.

Arron Newby: "This has got to be the best result of my career so far. The conditions were bone dry in parts then treacherously slippery a few miles up the road so I had to drive carefully. It was unfortunate that Nigel had his puncture as it would have been a good battle but the local crews have a big advantage here. Talking of locals, thanks to Rob who did a brilliant job on the notes as well as the TEG Sport team, Pirelli and VP Fuels. I really want to win these championships this year and we have got off to a perfect start."

Stuart Newby, TEG Sport Team Owner: "We stand to be corrected but we think Arron is the youngest driver to ever win a Manx round. We had a two year plan for him to come over and try to win a round but he's done it straight away. The conditions made life interesting but once again the Pirelli tyres were equal to the task so we played it safe and used just one set of intermediates all rally. The car never missed a beat all day long and there's not a mark on it which is remarkable in itself given the conditions. Tonight my wife Lynn and I are the happiest parents in the world, he's done us all very proud."

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Chris Kelly Memorial Rally



The Snowman Rally in Inverness

The Snowman Rally on Saturday 16th February, was called off after it was reported that a car had come off the course and rolled into the crowd. At least two people are known to have been injured in the incident.

Organisers the Highland Car Club made the announcement that the event had been cancelled shortly after noon on the Saturday.

A spokeswoman for the club said they were unable to make a statement at present.

Officers from Northern Constabulary and other emergency services attended the scene.

A police spokeswoman said: "Emergency services are currently attending an incident at Stage 1 of the Highland Car Club Snowman Rally at Glenurquhart Forest, Balnain.

"The event has been abandoned and members of the force's Road Policing Unit are in attendance along with members of the Scottish Ambulance Service.

From initial information it would appear that a car involved in the rally left the track and collided with spectators.

A 50-year-old woman has sustained fatal injuries and an eight year old boy has been taken to Raigmore Hospital for treatment.

The boy's condition is not believed to be life threatening. Neither the driver or the co-driver of the vehicle was injured as a result of the incident. No other spectators were injured.

The details of the deceased will not be issued until all next of kin have been informed."

The Snowman Rally has been a fixture on the Scottish motorsport calendar since its inception in 1955.

More than 100 cars had started to take part in the event.

Police can confirm that Members of the Force's Road Policing Unit will be carrying out a full road collision investigation and a report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.





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Chris Kelly Memorial Rally



I've discovered a new drug, it's called Manx Rallying.

From the minute I was asked to navigate on the Chris Kelly Memorial Rally I was nervous. Having never used pace notes before I felt that going to the Isle of Man in a BTR prepped Evo was a bit like trying to run before walking.

Yet with a bit of help from friends I did all the necessary prep work, recce's etc and found myself sat in the Evo, in the dark, navigating our way through the road section to stage 1.

St Marks would play host to 2 of the events 14 stages. The longest of the rally and both runs would be done under the cover of darkness, As we turned the corner to the time control we were greeted by a traffic jam. For some unknown reason there was a police car on stage, so nobody was going anywhere. About 20 minutes later John Cope in car 1 launched his Impreza WRC up the 400m start straight and disappeared off into the lanes. Cars 2, 3 and 4 followed on their respective minutes, with car 5 being replaced by an ambulance and recovery crew. A few minutes went by before we were told the stage had been cancelled, and we had to make our way to Balladoole for stage 2 in a non-competitive and orderly fashion.

Stages 2 and 3 proved to be a nice introduction to pace notes. Stage 3 suffering yet more delays. We went back to service, discovered that Sean Kelly in car 4 had been the cause of the first stage disruption in the form of a multiple roll. Both members of the crew were ok but had been taken to hospital for assessment.

Another loop of St Marks, Balladoole and Marine Drive saw us complete the first leg, with a minute loss on Marine Drive 2 due to a spin and stall. At least we were still in the event and in with the chance to pull the time back the following day.

Day 2 saw 2 loops of St Judes, the infamous Druidale, and the ultra-quick Staarvey stages. The weather varied drastically from stage to stage making choosing the correct tyres a complete lottery. We opted to stick with our slicks, pushed hard on St Judes 2, took our time over a very wet, muddy and foggy Druidale and pushed a little harder on a dry- ing Staarvey.

Reaching final service we tried not to get carried away at having completed the main stages of the rally, as we knew that the 2 runs through Ramsey harbour could still cause us problems. The tight and twisty sections made it an edgy way to finish avoiding the large concrete curbs, but it was a great feeling knowing we had completed our first Manx Rally as we steamed through the final timing beam, flat in 5th! The stages were unbelievable. Fast, flowing and challenging. They say you haven't navigated on a proper rally until you have been to the Isle of Man, and I can see why. Before I went I was nervous, but I now have a feeling that's even more difficult to control, the urge and determination to get back over there as soon as possible for my next hit. I'm hooked!

James Swallow (Bolton le Moors CC)

Co-Driver for Lee Farrer (Wallasey MC)

Car 29: Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 7.5

Result: 18th O/A, 5th in class E, and winners of 'Best Newcomer' award



Martyn Taylor was going to have his report in with me in time for this issue. Unfortunately he has had to catch up on a lot of work and did not get round to it in time. So you will have to wait until the April edition
(You will get the same photos again)

CHARLIE Payne achieved his ambition of three consecutive victories on the Procters Coaches Riponian Stages Rally when he took another comfortable win, but it came at a price as he had to nurse the car to the finish.

Along with Pocklington codriver Craig Thorley, the Ripon driver set a cracking pace on the snow and icebound forest tracks around Helmsley to open up a halfminute lead in the ex-Marcus Gronholm Ford Focus WRC by the half-distance point as his rivals struggled to match his speed.

But going into the second loop of stages on Ripon Motor Sport Club's flagship event, the seven-times winner hit problems when the head gasket blew, leaving the crew to top the car up with oil and water at the end of every stage.

The subsequent delays caused them to go perilously close to a maximum delay, Thorley calculating they were less than a minute of going out of the event, while Payne admitted he should have parked the car up but wanted that hat-trick as he has never managed it to date, despite his eight wins in total now.

Eventually, Payne's winning margin was 55 seconds after the dozen classic stages saw conditions at their trickiest following the recent heavy snow.

Peter Stephenson, with co-driver Ian Windress, finished third in their Able UKbacked Ford Focus WRC, just pipping Kevin Procter and co-driver Dave Bellerby, who took fourth as the pair endured a couple of time-consuming spins early on in their first outing in the forests for two years in their Subaru. Reg Smith guided the Proton of Ollie Mellors to fifth, with Matthew Robinson and Helperby co-driver Nigel Hutchinson overcoming a one minute jump start penalty to bring their Robinson Road Services Ford Escort Millington Mk2 home in sixth overall and first 2WD car.

Former winner Tim Pearcey, and Scottish co-driver Neil Shanks took seventh overall and victory in the Historic class in their Willowgreen Homes-backed Ford Escort Mk2, just under a minute ahead of the Subaru Impreza driven by Shaun Wilson, along with co-driver Errol Bairstow.

Former British Junior Champion Chris Birkbeck, made a welcome comeback in the rotaryengined Mazda RX7 he was sharing with Kim Baker and took ninth overall and second in class just four seconds ahead of Charlie Taylor and co-driver Steve Bielby, who ended up 11th overall and third in class in their Ford Escort, such was the closeness of competition.

Gareth Thomas and co-driver Jack Cranage claimed 20th overall and fourth in class in their Ford Escort, three places ahead of Ben Cree and co-driver Mat Smith, who won their class in their Peugeot 205.

Graham Haigh seconded co-driver Kari Bosworth to replace the injured Mick Johnson and finished 24th overall and sixth in class in his Ford Escort.

Northallerton driver John Tillett drove well to bring the Bedale Motor Factors-sponsored Ford Escort he was sharing with co-driver Guy Kirby home in 26th overall and eighth in class, one place ahead of veterans John Cockerill and Jim Goodman, who claimed seventh in class in their retro ICI Petrol-liveried Ford Escort.

Darren Grimston and co-driver Richie Ross won their class in their Busby Stoop Garage backed 1600cc Ford Escort Mexico Mk1 en route to 28th overall and despite an excursion into a snow bank. Chris Blake and co-driver Tony Walker finished just ten seconds down in their similar two-litre car. Alan and Rachel Ward finished 37th overall and second in class in their Vauxhall Nova, one place ahead of Amanda and Derek Cornforth who were unlucky to suffer a dubious road penalty which went uncorrected and resulted in a 38th place finish, although they did bag third in class in their 1400cc Ford Ka.

Sensibly driving for a finish on his first event in the driver's seat in those tricky conditions was youngster **Daniel Kennedy, who brought the Buzzard's Tyres Ford Cosworth he was sharing with Clitheroe & DMCs Terry Martin home in 45th place and 12th in class.**

Included in the dozen retirements were Rob Herrington and Ripon co-driver Charlotte Banner, who suffered engine problems with their Ford Escort Mk2 after SS10, while the penultimate stage claimed Jonathan Kitchen and codriver Neil Colls, who broke a wheel on their 1600cc Ford Escort in College Moor. Kevin Hullah and his co- driver Chris Harding hit a bridge on the second Roppa stage to retire their VW Polo.

Procters Luxury Coach Travel **RIPONIAN STAGES RALLY**



Charlie Payne / Craig Thorley



Whoops - in a ditch



Daniel Kennedy/Terry Martin

Image courtesy Simon Clarke



Bentham's David Wright put his disappointing 2012 rally season behind him on the Wydean Forest rally when he stormed to second place overall in his Kumho Tyres, Proflex, Drenth, York Brewery, Millers Oils, Owen Developments and Grove Hill Garage-backed GPM Mitsubishi Evo 9. The event was the first in this season's BTRDA rally championship which Wright intends to contest.

Wright's rally got off to a frustrating start when he was forced to run in the class for much more powerful world rally cars rather than the B13 class he usually runs in but he used this frustration to good effect as he led the event after the opening four stages.

"The hassle about the class we were in was not an ideal way to start the rally but it made us even more determined to show what we can do," said Wright. "We set a good time on the opening stage and then started to push harder. Keeping a good rhythm going in the tricky slippery conditions was the key to a good time and after being fastest in Serridge and Chepstow Park we held a slender lead at service which I was really happy with."

Wright dropped to third following stage 5, Mailscot, after clipping a rock and bending the front wheel which resulted in a puncture. Despite this handicap he was only 10 seconds slower than the fastest stage time.

The puncture was changed at the end of the stage and Wright drove out of his skin on stage 6 to try and regain the lead. Unfortunately he beat the stage bogey time by 9 seconds so did not move up the order despite being quickest.

A charge through the final Speech House stage saw him overhaul the world rally car of Hugh Hunter to take second place but his time was not quite enough for the win.

"We were so close to taking a victory, those few seconds lost on stage 5 and 6 made all the difference. I'm still extremely happy with second place though, we've shown we have the pace to beat the world rally cars and it bodes well for a good season. I can't wait for the next event!"

Wright's next event will be round two of the BTRDA championship, the Malcolm Wilson rally, which takes place in Cumbria on 2nd March.



Perez Overcomes High Speed Off To Claim 11th On Rally Boucles De Spa
Triple British champion Steve Perez overcame the treacherous conditions and a high speed off to record a superb 11th place finish overall on this weekend's 2013 Legend Boucles de Spa.

Driving the iconic 1974 Amigos Tequila-flavoured beer branded Lancia Stratos on the prestigious Belgian event, Perez, from Chesterfield, and Swedish co-driver Staffan Parmander, were hoping to add more success following their recent victory on the Hadeland Historic Rally Norway last month but on the opening stage, they went off at high speed as Steve explained:



"We were flat out over a crest and doing around 130kph I reckon when we suddenly came across this chicane which wasn't there when we did the recce. We hit it hard which spun us round and did quite a lot of damage to the front of the car which is why it looked in a sorry state on the televised stage!"

With running repairs effected by Tim Ashton's BTR team, Steve continued to climb the leaderboard through the remaining daylight stages and into the night before reaching the finish in an impressive 11th place overall leaving the 2003 British Historic, 2004 National ANCRO and 2010 BTRDA champion happy with the result:

"This is very much a local affair and last time we were here, we didn't get very far so most of the stages were new to me so I'll settle for mixing it with them. When you consider that stars of the WRC past and present contest this rally, 11th overall and third in class isn't a disgrace especially when I've been beaten by the likes of Francois Duval, Stefaan Stouf and Mark Duez. I was even matching Mikka Hirvonen's times until he went out and was only six seconds off a top ten placing so it's a reasonable result."

- The BTR team had another reason to celebrate when the Kick Energy-sponsored Ford Focus WRC of Charlie Payne and Craig Thorley took a third consecutive victory on the Proctors Coaches Riponian Stages Rally held in North Yorkshire. It takes Payne's victory tally to eight in total on his local event.

AutoSolo, PCA, A/T Darwen Services February 16/17th



Mather claims honour as Johnson tops times

THERE were two winners at the Under 17 Motor Club's Autosolo meeting at Blackburn with Darwen Services – Fiesta driver Steve Mather and the charity Dementia UK.

Mather emerged fastest over 10 tests and in doing so won £50 for the charity of his choice.

The money was donated by Hazel Johnson's mum and dad to mark her 21st birthday.

A previous winner of the event, Hazel was also taking part, fresh from competing on the previous week's Legend Fires North West Stages.

More than 40 competitors tackled the meeting, which combined Autosolo, Autotest and a Production Car Autotest, with each driver getting ten runs during the day.

In the National B Autotest, Lee Matthews emerged victorious in his Ford Escort Mk2, ahead of Steve Price and Dave Terry, both in Nissan Micras.

Blackburn teenager Simon Robinson clinched the Fastest Time of the Day award in the Under 17 Motor Club's Production Car Autotest, held on the Saturday, with Matt Faulkner taking second spot and Daniel Barker third, both in Nissan Micras.

The Sunday PCA saw Elliot Stevens taking the FTD, closely followed by Oswaldtwistle teenager Jamie Foster in second place and his brother Jack in third.

"It was an excellent day's motorsport which ran without hitch to allow every competitor their full allocation of 10 runs," said clerk-of-the-course Steve Johnson.

"Once again, these type of meetings have proved to be the perfect grounding for young drivers to try their hand at driving, and compete in grassroots motorsport, in a safe and controlled environment." Their next meeting takes place at the Lymm Services on the M56/M6 junction in May.

For more information on the event visit

www.anwcc.org

Neil Johnson - Lancashire Telegraph

The Westmorland 12 Car Rally 22nd February

A massive thanks to everyone who has helped to bring The Westmorland out of hibernation. The event couldn't run without the many marshals that braved the cold. But also thanks to the competitors for putting hands in pockets to prepare cars enter the event and use all that fuel. Running a full entry made the effort all the more worthwhile. I was a wee bit jealous not to be competing. Very impressive quality cars too.

Results:

1st Jon Fowler-Jerry Hetrick (3 fails 11:30) mk2 escort

2nd Ian Rooke-Alan Barn (3 fails 23:27) Golf

3rd (1st novice) Chris Thornton-Dan (4 fails 8:16) 205

4th Phil Jobson-Chris Sheriden (4 fails 17:24) mk2 escort

5th (2nd Novice) Darren-Rebecca (4 fails 23:06) Focus

6th Potts-Dunning (4 fails 38:37) Chevette

7th Anthony-Ethan Harrison (11 fails 23:22) 205 rallye

8th Nigel Harkness-Helen Gribbon (14f 20:43) Astra

Excluded due to missing MTC D. But still attended finish great shame would have been great result on first time out for nav. Titch and John Hope (5 fails {13:43 at TC 9}) Accord Type R

Retirements who went out first:

Skeet-Chris Walker (loose drive shaft) Sierra TC1

Dave-Pete Whitaker (Wheel Bearing) Sunny TC1

Paul Schatz-Toddy (Puncture not enough moose?) Impreza MTC B shap quarry

Dave Jones-Iaine Tully (Mix up between Peugeot Snow and Wall) final section [after leading at fuel]

The U17 MC is running the next Pre Driver one course on Tuesday 2nd April and Thursday 4th April 2013. 6 hours for £75

BELTING UP Autotest champion and rally driver Hazel Johnson joined youngsters at a special pre-driver training course organised by the Under-17 Motor Club North West in Blackburn. The course is for 14-19 year olds who do not hold a driving licence, and covers general aspects of road safety, followed by an afternoon of driving practice. Hazel, 21, from Accrington, above left, was on hand to give some advice on learning to drive.

Hazel is pictured (below) with some of the would-be drivers and in the driving seat is Rachel Harnick, 14, from Clitheroe.



The Barrow Taxi Column *aka Mr Paul Brereton*

Still no rally with the 'Lumies' postponed, yet again.

Your editor has been scheming behind the scenes and 'volunteered' me as guest speaker at **Clitheroe M.C. club night**.

I wasn't sure what kind of reception would await me and I thought Maurice may be a bit ambitious trying to get me to entertain people. So I gathered together a small posse to take with me. My mate Jeff Almond came along and we met up with Moz at the Heaves hotel so we could all travel down together. Maurice had brought along Ken Moonie (marshal extraordinaire) and Paul Moon and I had also talked Tony Harrison into coming down there as well. We arrived quite early and I thought that at least I would not get too nervous as there was really only my 'support team' there.

Nothing had been planned, I thought about it then decided not to have bits of paper all around. The room then began to fill up until all the seats were taken and there was a superb turnout. I must say, I was greatly impressed that so many turned up for a club night and the atmosphere in the room was warm and welcoming. I am most impressed with Clitheroe M C and whatever they thought of me, I had an absolutely wonderful night and thoroughly enjoyed myself.

We managed to have a few giggles and Steve Lewis led me nicely on to questions and kept the meeting running smoothly and managed to draw out some of my old memories of days gone by. I hope I didn't bore the youngsters. (I probably bored the oldies ha ha) I was grilled over my criticism of plot and bash at the end and I tried to explain my take on it. I have always been a driver and I have, honestly, never wanted to learn the intricacies of navigation but over the last three years I have found it hard to get a good regular navigator. I am lucky to have been out with some of the top guys in my area and while Ronnie Turner and I were partners we did pretty well together.

I had hoped to bring some novices on but they have all found it exceptionally hard to get their heads round plot and bash. I just love 'the lanes' and how anyone could sit 'calmly' next to me is a mystery to me. It takes a special type of masochist to be a navigator but unless you have a really good one, results will be hard to obtain. I have been frustrated (Er, no, I mean rally wise)

You have to be careful what you say in motor clubs. Derek Varty a great friend and long deceased of Furness D. M. C. once commissioned an exhaust pipe to be made up on a lovely wooden plinth with the inscription 'Please don't lose this one Paul. 1972' because I had a habit of knocking exhausts off my Anglia. He once wrote in a newsletter 'Following Paul Brereton through a 'selective' (competitive) section is like driving through a snake pit.' When the trophy was presented I was gobsmacked and said "I'm really touched" Hoots of derision echoed round The Farmers Arms " Bl**dy right you're touched" and it's funny but nobody remembers anything else I did but I still get reminded that I'm touched, so 'frustrated' is a descriptive word for how I feel about not getting to the finish of events and has no other connotations !!!

Seriously, though, I must say how impressed I was with Clitheroe club night and it will always be a pleasure to re-visit. It was nice to see a lot of familiar faces in the room and I thoroughly enjoyed myself.

The following night was KLMC club night with Stuart and Linda Carriss and Caroline Lodge who have been competing on the Roger Albert Clark. Katie Mashiter was in the chair and she drew out some good stories for us. Another full room at my 'home' club and a very enjoyable evening. Best comment of the night went to Stuart Carriss (he and Linda compete in what was once !! a really nice Mark 1, 1300 Escort) He was describing a corner to us. They had marshalled on this particular corner sometime last year and had noticed that many crews 'got it wrong' so they walked up and had a close look at it. The track went over a brow and into a left bend, nothing too severe but it was obvious that you should keep very tightly left on the brow. Anyway this brow is on at the RAC so they have it clearly in mind how to take it. Linda reminded him on the approach "Here's our corner" Stuart lined up nicely to the left then over the brow, they went off. His next comment was " It was OK as we slid along the ditch ---- Until we came to the tree" The car stood on end , a wonderful picture of it was on facebook, then it tipped over onto its side. He went on to say that it does not always pay to walk corners and people told him afterwards that they were the only crew that never 'lifted' for the brow.

The next event was KLMC dinner at Arkholme village hall. A very nice venue where we had a hog roast and a live band 'Jamrock' to follow. The Willan brothers dad plays in Jamrock so it keeps it in the family ! We had a great night and thoroughly enjoyed it. The awards were presented. Special recognition for Dan and Alex Willan who work tirelessly for the club and also a special award for Bob Milloy who has stood down now but has always been a driving force in the club. I won't do the full list of awards because that pesky Maurice Ellison is giving me grief 'again' wanting me to write this piece in time for the newsletter. Maurice is the recurring theme in all this, he has been at all three events this week and I am starting to have nightmares about him. Which I am sure those who know him will understand. Bye for now, hope I will have done the Devils before next issue with Wait for it

Maurice 'B' Ellison. AAArggh.

TTFN Paul





Our Man 'Darn Sowf'

((down South - i.e. Anywhere other than Gods chosen region - The North West of England)

aka James Redman

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From the 22nd-24th February Stoneleigh Park, Coventry was the home to the tenth anniversary of "Europes premier winter classic Motorsport Show" Race Retro.

Some of the biggest names associated with Motorsport were in attendance, notably Sir Stirling Moss, arguably the most iconic racing driver ever and the voice of Motorsport, Murray Walker OBE. The show boasts 4 packed exhibition halls of anything and everything to do with classic motorsports which included impressive displays from this year "Chosen Marques" of Lotus and Jim Clark and the rallying success of the Alpine Renaults. If buying a classic was what you're after then the Silverstone Auctions were the place to be which generated sales of more than £1.4 million. Among the highlights of the road cars successfully sold were a stunning 1967 Aston Martin DB6 which sold for a premium inclusive £123,750, while the 1953 Connaught AL10 Historic Grand Prix Car, driven in period by legends such as Roy Salvadori, John Coombs, Kenneth McAlpine, Ron Flockhart and Bill Whitehouse, fetched £196,875. A 1985 Ford Sierra Cosworth Group N rally car, was the subject of a hard fought bidding battle, eventually selling for £39,900.

The ever popular live action Rally Stage was this year extended in length to showcase some fantastic machinery & historic Karts from yesteryear. Rallying with Group B had assembled a quality Ex works and Replica entry list of over 50 cars of which included Group B (Too fast to Race) monsters: Nissan 240RS, Mazda RX7, MG6r4's, Audi Quattro's etc. and the old favourite Talbot Sunbeam Lotus' and Ford Escorts in Mk1 and II guises. Driving some of these cars that also marked the 50th anniversary of the Manx Rally were past multiple British Rally Champions David Llewellyn, Jimmy McRae and Russell Brookes with commentary like the good old days from Tony Mason.

If having a go yourself was your intention then the "Arrive and Drive" from "HERO" (the Historic Endurance Rally Organisation) had offered professionally prepared Rally cars for visitors to sample on a specially designed Rally stage for as little as £25.00 per person.

Bikes fans were in for a treat also with the a fantastic display of Motorcycles of the late great Barry Sheene marking 10 years since his passing.

Early indications suggest that the visitor numbers of the long weekend were up on the previous year and Murray Walker said: "This is my first time at Race Retro and I'm so impressed, not only with what the show has to offer, but the passion of the enthusiasts attending. I've had a wonderful time meeting some of my dear old friends that I never thought I'd get to see again. In the immortal words of General Douglas McArthur, 'I shall return'." echoing the feelings of many of the people who attended.

Race Retro seems to go from strength to strength and long may it continue, theres no need to throw away those rose tinted glasses just yet....

James Redman : www.pprs.moonfruit.com



Originally you had 2 pages of my Grumblings to put up with but discretion won - so now you only have this page

Now - about the Illuminations Rally.

Matt Field (our Road Rally Championship Compiler) has psychic powers. At the February meeting I challenged Matt as to why he had not included the Illuminations in our Road Rally Championship.

He said "It wont run".

I went back at him "1st local event of the year, 1st ANWCC Round, lots of entries, help in abundance, free run of roads, no other rallies around - of course it will run.

I am doing it anyway".

"It wont run" he repeated.

How did he know?

Email Received Tues 11th Feb

Dear Competitor,

it is with great regret that this email today is to inform you that the forthcoming rally by Morecambe Car Club Ltd. being The 'Lummies' Rally to be held on the 16/17th February 2013 using permit No's 75663 Nat B Road Rally Historic and 75490 Nat B Road Rally and under Route Authorisation Event No26875FE16/17 is hereby postponed.

After speaking this lunch time to the RLO's for North Yorkshire and Cumbria along with Police and farmers along the route (where timing would have been to the second to get a result) and all have strongly advised that we do not attempt to use these roads as they have had a further 2 - 3 inches of snow this morning. Although weather forecasts say it will get milder by weekend, locals feel that it will not do enough to thaw what is already down on the higher ground after last nights frost.

Roads over the moors I'm using are mostly unfenced roads with very steep drops on either side, if the roads are like they were on Monday during the day and I considered them treacherous because they were a white out, think what they would be like at night?

So my honest opinion and that also of MCC Committee is that this rally should not proceed at this moment in time purely on safety reasons and we should look for a date in April added to that, I do not want a fatality to occur, especially whilst I'm in charge because whilst competent rally drivers might be able to negotiate the route I have to also consider about how marshals will get to their control points on time and once there, their safety .

As most of you know from experience if committed to run the rally and the we pay out for the Route Authorisation, Trophies, Scrutineers and Food etc. only for it to be cancelled on the night, MCC would risk losing over £1000 and there would be the added expense to you the competitors arriving and not having a rally to do.

Regards

Derek Shepherd C of C Morecambe Car Club Ltd

The weather forecast was for the snow to turn to rain by sometime on Tuesday and be followed by warm weather till the end of the week. And so it turned out. By Thursday evening not a sign of a snowflake, Ok there was an odd bit of white stuff in some fields. How do I know - because I used to live and work there and rang a few friends on Thursday morning and with nothing to do on Thursday afternoon and evening I drove out on to Map 98 and went over the highest fells I knew in my Peugeot 407 estate, Kingsdale, Pen-y-ghent and Darnbrook. A bit of slush and lots of standing water but 'treacherous' - not a bit

When I first received the email I immediately replied that in my opinion, and in light of the weather forecast, they had jumped the gun somewhat.

Why not wait until Friday the 15th to make the decision

And then I got an email Lunchtime Friday the 15th telling me that the CofC had spoken to the farmers by telephone (Friday 15th) and they had told him the roads were still blocked. Had he gone and checked himself. Call me an old cynic but I bet he had not. Even if he had there was not a lot to be done once he had told everyone the event was off and all far too soon. I believe that he (or his team) saw a bit (maybe even a lot) of snow on the Monday and panicked.

Its On again on either the 16/17th of March or the 13/14th of April - or is it

Thankfully it was not a SD34 Road Rally Championship round.

Thanks Matt

Mo's Mutterings or 'Grumpy Old Git' gets on his Soap Box'



The MSA have come up with a new format for their monthly MSA News. With the new format it is still possible to copy and paste the text into this newsletter, however, the new format does not allow me to copy and paste the images.

Without the images quite a lot of the articles don't make sense or interesting or informative reading.

So if you want to see what the MSA News is this month (and I assume for future months) you will have to follow this link -

www.msauk.org/uploadedfiles/newsletter/

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Their loss



'Write a caption' Competition

In February's Issue I asked 'Can you write a caption for the above Photograph' And then Email your caption to sd34news@gmail.com to win a Bottle of Scotch for the best Caption'

And the Winner is

ME

Only because nobody sent an entry in - so I get to keep the scotch for myself

So - What really happened?

Mick Briant had finished talking and he passed the microphone back to Fred Bent. Fred, holding the microphone down by his side adjusted his sitting position on the table and then broke wind.

The rasping sound was amplified somewhat for everyone to hear.

Schoolboy humour

But very funny at the time

The Jack Neal Memorial Rally
Sunday 10th March
Blyton Airfield
Map Ref. 112/ 877 953
DN21 3PE

We still can fit in a few more Radio Crews and Marshals if you are now able to help, please advise me if you can and I'll add you to the list - this event is also the first round of the 2013 Gemini Radio Championship which is free to enter for all Gemini Team members. The Clerk of the Course will be our own Chris Woodcock, Gemini 25.

Chris and his team have promised us good action all day and tells me that he doesn't have a large entry and still could do with a few more competitors, so it won't be a late finish for you.

I'm also pleased to welcome to the team our own MSA licenced Gemini Recovery Unit this time being run by John Ellis alias Gemini 33, we wish him the very best of luck and hope he will do as good a job as our old Jim Tate did some years ago,

The first car will become competitive at 10:01. and will finish around tba.

For more details and [when it's compiled] the entry List will be on the Clitheroe web page: -

www.cdmconline.com

**Pendle DMC, Preston &
Garstang Motor Clubs**
The Lee Holland Memorial
Trophy Stage Rally
Sunday 17th March 2013
at Ty Groes, Anglesey.

This is to welcome, advise, remind and invite you to help with Marshalling and Safety Radio cover on this years event,

The Clerk of the Course this year will be Steve Kenyon from P&G MC and he has promised us good action all day and is hoping for a full entry of 80 cars, the first car will become competitive at 09:31.

For more details and [when it's compiled] the entry List will be on the Pendle web page: - [http:// --tba](http://--tba)

As soon as I have more details I will pass them on to you - Please confirm if you can help and coming or otherwise!

With the change from the RED Flag system to the Yellow ones, could you advise me if you have a Yellow Flag of your own and will be bringing it please.

Kindest regards -

I look forward to hearing from you

Bill Wilmer --

For and on behalf of

the Gemini Communications Rally Radio Team.

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Part two on Page 28

The 2013
Magnificent Golden Microphone
Trophy along with cash awards
of £150 to the winners.

May I welcome you to the **2013 Gemini Radio Championship** it's free to all Gemini Radio Crews to join and everyone gets points just by attending events that the communications are organised by Gemini Communications and a chance to win the prized trophy and cash prizes.



At this time of writing we have 18 rounds already in the Championship, all listed on our web page, these our highlighted by a large RED ' * ' - note that any multi day events like the WRGB event gives points per day, you could get 4 days points if you help with the event & recci. I'm changing the point scoring system to give slightly more points to rallies than the bike ride events this year as everyone gets good money for the bike rides over the rallies - so 5 points will be given to Rally events and just 2 for a Bike Ride, I know this will please some of you. [- note I'm just in the final stages of sorting an extra 100 mile bike ride round Leeds for the Sunday the 15th September, more news later but add the date please.]

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If you want a set or to renew your old ones and haven't ordered them, let me know and I'll put you on the list. Be good and be safe



This may seem like an advert but I can assure you that Tony (Gemini 56) didn't ask me to send you this, it has only come from me.

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Sun 29 Sep

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North Wales
National Stage Rally
Sat 19 Oct

Clitheroe & DMC
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Stages Rally
Blyton
Sat 23 Nov

CSCC Tintops

Last race of the season saw us back at Oulton where I started the year. Again, like my first race of the year, the circuit was wet and greasy, but unlike March, the weather was improving, and the track was only going to get drier as the morning went on.

This was a CSCC race, 30 mins qualifying, with a 40 minute race in the afternoon – to include a pit stop.

Our qually session was at 10:30am, so the track had dried a little, it was still greasy and damp, especially off line, though there was a slight hint of a dry line appearing in some parts of the track where the sun was breaking through.

I took it easy at the start of the session, trying to find the grip and be patient in the hope that a dry line would appear. As it turns out, I seemed to get it just right! I found myself some space nearing the end of the session and went for it – setting my fastest time on my last lap before the flag came out for the end of the session. Out of a 31 car grid I was sat 5th, I was however, very aware that I managed to get the most out of the session, both down to anticipating the conditions, and knowing the circuit, and that there were some very quick cars behind me just waiting for a dry track so they could put their power on to the tarmac.....

When the race came around in the afternoon the track was totally dry, and the weather had really sorted itself out! Anxious of the cars behind me I lined up 5th and hoped for the best....

Lights went out, clutch got dropped, and I made a near perfect start, going in to the first corner in 3rd place. It was then that the inevitable happened. The quicker cars hooked up, and I spent the next 5 laps going backwards as the faster cars found their true dry performance.

I eventually finished a respectful 10th overall, which was a pretty good result, just disappointing maybe after my position after qualifying....

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Stalybridge based Alex Allingham is set to face both new and familiar challenges in 2013 as he sets about putting the final touches to his preparations for the fast approaching new season. Allingham will once again contest the Pirelli MSA Welsh Championship but for the first time in three years Allingham will have a new co-driver alongside him and has recruited 23 year old Cumbrian **Chris Williams** to help guide him and his ex Prodrive Subaru Impreza N10 to his third Welsh title in four years.

Allingham became outright Pirelli MSA Welsh Champion in 2010 and successfully retained his title the following year before claiming the Pirelli MSA Welsh Group N Production Title in 2012 and hopes the change could see him return to the top of the pile in 2013 however the 28 year old knows that it won't be straight forward. The Kumho Tyres backed driver said, 'the relationship between driver and co-driver is of upmost importance and takes absolute trust in one another to be successful. Getting used to a different co-driver after three years is going to be odd initially and it will take a little time for us to get used to each others way of working inside the car. Chris and I have been friends for a few years now and he has a good amount of experience so hopefully it shouldn't take us too long to get up to speed. I'm really looking forward to working with him and I can't wait to get started!'

Allingham also went on to say a thank you to his outgoing co-driver, Mark Glennerster. 'I'd like to say a big thanks to Mark for all his hard work, commitment and efforts to the team over the past three seasons. We've had a good run, and some excellent results both in events and championships. Mark can't commit to a full season with me in 2013 due to rallying commitments elsewhere so the natural season break is the right time for someone else to step in.'

Williams who will take up the role of guiding Allingham is no stranger to the sport, having contest events right up to International level. Like his new driver, the Cumbrian co-driver has racked up a number of high profile successes in his short career, not only taking outright event victories but also taking BTRDA Class Championship victories in both 2008 and 09, before being crowned the coveted Fiesta SportChallenge champion in 2010 as well as Runner Up in the BRC Challenge during the same year. For the last two seasons Williams has been seen completing full campaigns in the British Rally Championship as well as other events on the Welsh and BTRDA championship calendars. When asked about his new opportunity and what challenges lay ahead the 23 year old went on to say, 'It's an exciting time and a privilege to have the chance to co-drive for a for someone who has performed so consistently well in recent years. I'm no stranger to sitting with different drivers so I should be able to adapt to Alex and the team's way of doing things pretty quickly. I've been working closely with Mark and he's passed on a lot of his knowledge which will help immensely as well as also working closely with the whole team so when we arrive at the first event we can hit the ground running and feel that not a great deal has changed. I've done all of the events in the championship at least once before so I've a good knowledge of what to expect from the stages too, so hopefully we can continue in the rich vein of form and have some fantastic results this year. I'm looking forward to the new challenge and can't wait to get the season underway!'

Allingham and Williams have opted to miss the opening round, the Chepstow based Wydean Rally and will test in late February before their first event of the season, the RallyMarketing Mid Wales Stages based in Newtown on the 3rd March. The 45 mile event takes place over some of the most famous Welsh stages on offer such as Hafren, Myherin and Sweet Lamb. The team will then continue to contest the rest of the Pirelli MSA Welsh Championship which is made up of six further rounds throughout the year culminating in the Cambrian Rally in mid October.

Allingham is still working on finalising his sponsorship deals for the season ahead, and is always on searching for more interested partners to come on board and to join the team. Any interested parties should contact Allingham directly: alex@alexallingham.co.uk



Obviously we were all very disappointed that heavy snow falls forced the postponement of the Red Kite Stages, but we fully supported the decision made by the team at Amman and District Motor Club and thank them for all their hard work. We are working with the event organisers to try and make sure the event runs later in the season and we hope to shortly announce a new date. Now we are turning our attention to what will become the first round of the championship, the Rally Marketing Mid Wales Stages on Sunday 3 March. Regs are now out and we are expecting a bumper championship entry on this tremendous event using some of the best gravel stages available. As a reminder, please make sure you enter the correct event: the 55-mile event running to a modern permit. In terms of classes, the entry form is currently being amended (should be done by Monday) to show the correct classes and we thank Chris Tomley and his team for their help over this. We will correct the class accordingly for any cars already entered. Please remember that the 55-mile National A historic event is for those crews contesting the BHRC. After the Mid Wales will be Rally North Wales and I am delighted to confirm that we have a one-day 50-stage mile event (on Saturday 6 April) for R.A.C. Championship contenders. Early details of the SG Petch Tour of Hamsterley (28 April) are also included in this newsletter, along with information about the DMACK Carlisle Stages (22 June). We continue to be overjoyed at the level of support for the championship. We now have more than 100 crews intending to take part at some point this season, which is far beyond our initial ambitions.





Georgia Shiels driving at the Race Retro Rally Show

On the 23/24 February, Georgia had been specially chosen to show case her Kick Energy F1000 Junior Championship Micra. It was an amazing day at the Stoneleigh Race Retro car show, the snow flurries not affecting the excitement of the drivers, a great deal of rallying started around an extremely tight circuit that all the spectators could clearly see/smell and taste the petrol fumes from those retro rally cars! The little Micra held its own, media representatives commenting how exciting she was to watch and in effect the spectators cheering as Georgia, along with her new co-driver Chris Davies, narrowly missing an ill placed electrical box, the hay bale covering it taking the brunt of the wide turn! Georgia was amazed at how competitive her Micra was against the big boys of the rallying world.

Showcasing the little Micra alongside the fantastic retro race cars, including the Subaru Legacy, the actual car that Colin McRae gained a podium finish in at the Swedish rally in 1992. The Legacy was driven by both Jimmy McRae and David Llewellyn, Georgia actually experienced sitting next to David Llewellyn driving the Legacy around the stage, what an opportunity to witness first-hand how a former British Rally Champion handles a car!

It was then time for Georgia's stage accompanied by non-other than David himself! Nervously she edged the Micra towards the start

When the flag waved off she went, at some pace, hand braked around the first bend, onto chicanes, instruction given by David to enable Georgia to improve her speed and positioning of the car. Georgia loved every minute, an opportunity to show her skills. Even more exciting, after a frenetic change to the seat position by Antony, Georgia's dad, enabling David to drive Georgia's Micra around the same stage that he had previously driven the Subaru! The media surged forward to the start line ready to photograph the British Champion in Georgia's precious Micra, with Georgia nervously sitting in the very unfamiliar co-driver's seat! Three times around the stage, with lots of surprise from the crowd that the little car reacted and performed for the new driver Media commenting that he drove it nearly as well as Georgia. David jumped out the driver's seat, shook Georgia's hand across the roof and stated "well done, she is not an easy drive"! A perfect end to a perfect weekend of rallying!



Image courtesy Simon Clarke

After a brilliant second place finish on the opening BTRDA rally championship round David Wright will start round two, the Malcolm Wilson rally, this coming weekend in a confident mood.

Bentham's Wright will use his usual Kumho Tyres, Proflex, Drenth, York Brewery, Millers Oils, Owen Developments and Grove Hill Garage-backed GPM Mitsubishi Evo 9 and Michael Wilkinson will be in the co-driver's seat.

The rally is based in Cockermouth and uses the classic rally stages of the Lake District, including those in Whinlatter and Grizedale forests, and it's an event that Wright usually goes well on.

"We made a really good start to the season and were very close to winning the Wyedean," said Wright. "It's going to be very tough to get a top three result next weekend as the rally has attracted an extremely high quality entry but we'll be pushing as hard as we can."

"The stages in the Lake District are excellent and I especially love the Grizedale ones. A good run in there can see you gain a lot of time on the opposition."

"The car will be in the same specification as the Wyedean so hopefully we'll have a troublefree run."

The rally starts from the M-Sport headquarters at Dovenby with the crews facing seven stages before the finish at Cockermouth.

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News from the West Wales Rally Spares R.A.C Rally Championship



Pritchard set for WWRS R.A.C Rally Championship. Jason Pritchard will follow in his father's footsteps next month when he competes in the first round of the West Wales Rally Spares R.A.C Rally Championship in a Ford Escort Mk2 Escort from Viking Motorsport.

The Welshman, formerly a front-runner in the British Rally Championship, is the latest high-profile driver to confirm plans to compete in the new championship and will follow in the wheeltracks of his father Eian, who was rallying Escorts when Jason was growing up.

"It's a dream come true," said Jason. "To compete in a Mk2 Escort was an opportunity I just couldn't miss. It really is an iconic car and I'm bursting to get behind the wheel and start the championship in style. After having 12 months away from rallying, the support from my family, friends and the local community, who are always asking me when I'm rallying again, has been incredible and I would like to personally thank all at Viking Motorsport for the effort and hard-work that has gone into making sure the car is in the best possible shape it can be."

Pritchard was twice British R2 Champion in 2008 and 2009, Citroen C2R2 Champion in 2008, British privateer champion in 2010, and finished third overall in the 2010 British Rally Championship 2010. He finished first two-wheel drive on Wales Rally GB in 2008 and was the Richard Burns Award winner in the same season.

Pritchard is thrilled to have the chance to compete against five-time British Rally Champion Jimmy McRae when the championship starts on the Rally Marketing Mid Wales Stages on Sunday 3 March.

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The 2013 NGK Spark Plugs BRC Challenge (NGK BRCC) will not only again feature the Fiesta SportChallenge, but will see also see the introduction of a new series, the Clio 172 Rally Cup.

The NGK BRCC provides competitors with some of the best value stage mileage in the UK, it runs in front of the BRC field on gravel rallies and has a massive £7000 end of season prize fund, has heralded fantastic competition and is shaping up to be even better this season.

Brand new for 2013 will see the inaugural running of the Clio 172 Rally Cup. Promoted by Rallyschool.co.uk and based on a Renault Clio 172 Cup road car, the series is intended to provide a low cost solution that packs plenty of performance.

Starting with a low cost donor car, adding essential safety equipment and a kit of parts including suspension, limited slip differential and under-body protection, it is estimated that the completed rally versions will cost around £8000. The new series will provide event by event and end of season prizes.

The established Fiesta SportChallenge, which is supported and promoted by M-Sport, will be open to the tried and tested Fiesta ST, as well as the new shape Fiesta MS1 and R1 cars. Both series will follow all eight rounds of this year's BRCC calendar.

A business man was walking down the street when he was accosted by a particularly dirty and shabby-looking homeless man who asked him for a couple of dollars for dinner.

The man took out his wallet, extracted ten dollars and asked, "If I give you this money, will you buy some beer with it instead of dinner?" "No, I had to stop drinking years ago," the homeless man replied. "Will you use it to go fishing instead of buying food?" the man asked. "No, I don't waste time fishing," the homeless man said. "I need to spend all my time trying to stay alive."

"Will you spend this on green fees at a golf course instead of food?" the man asked. "Are you NUTS!" replied the homeless man. "I haven't played golf in 20 years!" "Well," said the man, "I'm not going to give you money. Instead, I'm going to take you home for a shower and a terrific dinner cooked by my wife." The homeless man was astounded. "Won't your wife be furious with you for doing that?"

"The man replied, "Don't worry about that. It's important for her to see what a man looks like after he has given up drinking, fishing and golf."



BRC secures Stena Line deal for crews and fans

The MSA British Rally Championship have signed up Stena Line Ferries as an official partner and as a result have secured a fantastic 20% saving with Stena Line ferries for all participants wishing to travel to rounds of the 2013 series.

The partnership with Stena does not just benefit BRC crews, but any team and competitor travelling to participate in the Challenge, Historic, National and Clubman sections of the host rallies. Safety and rescue crews, as well as marshals and fans are also eligible.

This excellent offer is valid for any of the five Stena Line Irish Sea routes in both directions. There is then the option of booking Stena Line's Economy, Flexi or Premium motorist fares (terms and conditions vary for each). Full details and access to booking can be made via the Championship office and website.

A NEW low cost rally championship,

designed to encourage young drivers into the sport, has been launched by an East Lancashire competitor.

Multiple rally and autotest champion Steve Johnson, who lives in Accrington, has created the K11 Micra Challenge in conjunction with the Association of North Western Car Clubs (ANWCC).

"The idea came about after talking to other competitors and organisers about the escalating costs of stage rallying," explained Johnson, who is also the North West Go Motorsport regional development officer.

"By creating a championship open to just one class of car, the one-litre Nissan Micra, it offers a way of enjoying the sport without it costing the earth. "And we have deliberately framed the regulations to keep costs as low as possible, such as the requirement that everyone must use a 'control' tyre. "There are lots of ready-prepared cars around from around £2,500 and we anticipate the cost of entering each event to be around £200. "By running the Challenge within the ANWCC Stage Rally Championship, competitors have up to 24 events to choose from throughout the year. "Again, to keep costs down, just eight scores will count towards the title and you can score two of the eight as a marshal. "Ten years ago, it would have cost around £3,000 to do 10 stage rallies on control Falken tyres. "We have done our calculations and estimate it would only cost another £500 to do the same 10 events in 2013." And Johnson, who competes in a Nissan Micra himself, was keen to emphasise that the car can be used for other motor sport events, not just stage rallying. He said: "A K11 Micra is also eligible for other events, such as production car autotests and autosolos, which cost as little as £25 an event to enter." Johnson and his team launched the series at the Autosport Show, traditionally the annual season curtain-raiser, at Birmingham's NEC last month.

For more information on the 2013 K11 Micra Challenge, visit www.anwcc.org.

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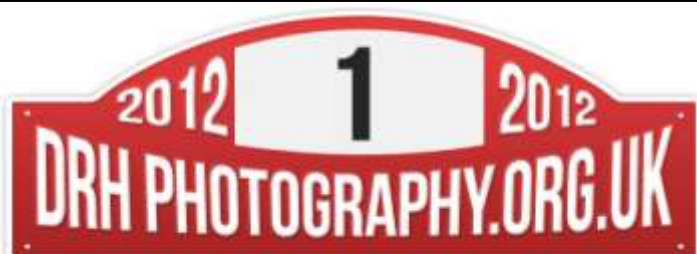
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All the information is on the website and can be found at the link below. It is being launched in the February newsletter. This is a good way of raising awareness of first time experiences in motor sport and a promotional tool to show how easy it is to get involved.

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Lovell Rally of the Midlands June 21st 22nd 2013 Cancelled

The multi-venue asphalt rally, due to be part of the Heart of England, RAF and ANCC Championships, as well as featuring a special category for the legendary Group B cars, has been an annual event in and around Hinckley and Nuneaton for the past ten years.

"We very much regret having to take this decision, but due to problems in securing suitable stages we feel it only fair to our partners that this decision is made in a timely manner," said Peter Young, Rally Director. "Mallory Park Race Circuit is currently involved in a number of issues that prevent the circuit from committing to availability, Bramcote Army base is not available due to operational activities and the Hinckley town centre stage cannot be used due to rebuilding works," he added.

Clerk of the Course, Richard Hinton, said: "We anticipated a large crowd and substantial entry for the rally and with the lack of stage mileage we did not believe we could operate the event in a safe and professional manner, and therefore were forced into taking this decision." The team will now continue to focus their efforts on securing venues for the 2014 event.



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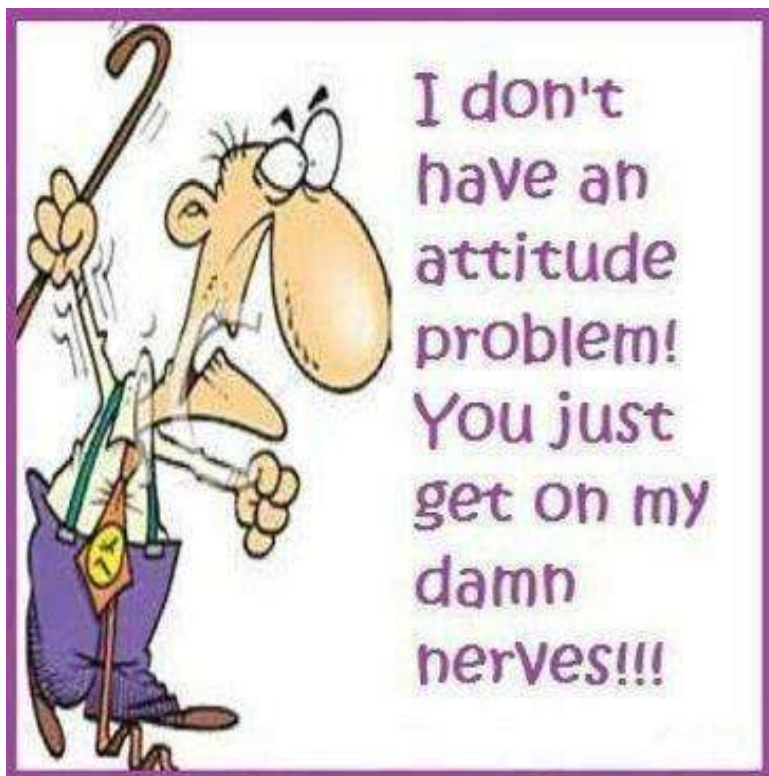
Counties Rally, Once again the organisers have been working hard to put together a route that utilises some of the regions very best forests roads with stages in both the Scottish Borders & the Kielder Forest complex, including some roads that have not been used by the event for over 10 years.

As is customary, the event will be based in Jedburgh, with Rally HQ and scrutineering at the Town Hall next to the start and finish in Abbey Place. Competitors will head out for three excellent stages in the Borders, including a return visit to Craik which proved very popular last year. A run down to Bewshaugh in Kielder before the final stage at Riccarton, will see competitors return to the finish in Jedburgh just 6 hours later. In total the event will have 44 competitive miles, in 5 stages and around 4 miles second use. With only 102 road miles and central servicing on hard standing we are sure you will enjoy a very compact and cost effective route.

Once again this year, all cars in classes 1 to 7 will run at the front of the field, and for the first time we are delighted to welcome Competitors in the Motoscope Northern Historic Championship. Registrations for the MSA ARR Craib Scottish Rally Championship again look strong, so we advise you to get your entries in early. Thanks to continued and committed support from John McClory of Brick & Steel Construction we have been able to include the Rallitrak radio in the entry fee, which is held at last year's level.

Opportunities to rally in the Scottish Borders and Kielder Forest are few and far between, we invite you to take this chance to compete on some of the best and most famous gravel stages the UK has to offer and look forward to seeing you in Jedburgh on the 23rd March. You can be assured that a warm Border welcome awaits

www.bordercountiesrally.co.uk/



TOUR OF HAMSTERLEY SG PETCH 28 APRIL 2013

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Tour of Hamsterley Forest Rally 28th April 2013.

As with our previous events we have continued to develop the rally with changes to give you the competitor some excellent sport in what is one of only two opportunities you have to rally in this wonderful forest complex in County Durham.

We have listened to the comments from last year about the "rough bits" and following long discussions with the local Forestry Commission office have opened up over four miles of new road including a totally new stage not used since those heady days of Group B Rallying.

We have also sought to reduce some of the repetition of route mileage for our "long stage" which this year will be over 13 miles long to give you decent running surfaces throughout the rally. Many of the roads will be regraded for the rally too.

The superb servicing and Rally HQ facilities at Wilson Art are being used again with secure parking and hard-standing with plenty of space for servicing, trailers and spectators alike. We also have pleasure in announcing that a ceremonial start and finish within the historic Market Square of Bishop Auckland has been supported by Durham County Council and the local Area Action Partnership Team - their assistance is gratefully acknowledged.

Of course we can't forget our excellent principal sponsors SG Petch Garages to whom we are very grateful for the support and help they give to us, alongside the stage sponsors and advertisers. It is essential we support the local Durham and Teesdale Community where possible.

We hope you enter - you will find us a friendly bunch of organisers offering you a no nonsense event and hope you do have a safe and enjoyable rally.

Regs etc : www.tourofhamsterley.co.uk



Matlock Motor Club

are running the

Kick Energy Rally (formerly the VK)

on the

6th / 7th April,

Starting from the usual start venue in Chesterfield and finishing nearby.

The rally offers just over 100 miles on **map 119**, with 5 / 6 miles on sensible white roads. Petrol will be available near the start, after 50 miles and near the finish.

The format will remain the same as the past few years, catering for Novices and Masters alike.

REGS : <http://www.matlockmotorclub.co.uk/>

**Regulations for the
Malcolm Wilson Rally
Saturday 2nd March
are available to download at :**

www.malcolmwilson.co.uk/regulations.html



The Blyton Rally Challenge 2013

Blyton old airfield has a long history of motor sports since the site was decommissioned in 1954. In recent years, single venue rallies promoted by Clitheroe DMC and Lindholme MSC have continued the tradition. For 2013, the two clubs have collaborated under the aegis of the Association of Northern Car Clubs to introduce a Challenge which covers the three rallies held there. To ensure that all cars of whatever engine capacity have an opportunity to contest the Challenge, points will be awarded on a Class basis. There will be an overall Champion Driver and Co-Driver at the top of the points tables, and Class Awards as well. LMSC and CDMC hope that the incentive of the Challenge will encourage crews to enter all three rallies in a spirit of friendly competition.

Blyton is a site of fairly modest dimensions, but this works in its favour in some ways. The compact size encourages close competition, as witnessed by the top three cars on the 2012 Lincoln Green and Hall Trophy being separated by just a few seconds. The surfaces include Blyton Park Driving Centre's new race-track quality asphalt, older tarmac, and a little concrete. A limestone jump is sometimes included in stage routes. Taken together, the surfaces offer a good challenge, without making damage to the car very likely. There is plenty of run-off space, so that errant cars ought not to impact the scenery. However, the clubs do use large wrapped straw bales to delineate the course in places, and contraventions of stageroutes will naturally incur penalties. There are good vantage points to view the action – BPDC have some raised banks which give a view of the whole stage.

Camping in the Service area is available to crews who attend a Friday scrutineering slot before the rally on Saturday. Blyton village has a couple of excellent pubs, and also a noted ice-cream parlour.

The BPDC site is easy to access, to the north east of Gainsborough in Lincolnshire. The town has a major shopping centre in Marshall's Yard, as well as a choice of supermarkets and independent traders. Lindholme Motor Sports Club and Clitheroe and District Motor Club hope that they will see you there on the Lincoln Green, the Hall Trophy, and the Jack Neal in 2013. Oh - and its FREE! Just enter the rallies and you're in the Challenge.

LEE HOLLAND MEMORIAL RALLY 17TH MARCH 2013

Pendle and District and Garstang and Preston Motor Clubs are proud to announce the 22nd running of The Lee Holland Memorial Stage Rally which will be taking place on Sunday 17th March 2013 at the Angelsey Circuit.

The rally will be a qualifying round of ANWCC, ANCC, SD34, F1000 and Junior F1000 Championships.

The Organising Clubs intend to offer up to 45 all asphalt stage miles from 8 stages.

Supplementary Regulations available at :

www.anwcc.org/regs-130317-sr.pdf

Sheffield Rolling Road Flying Fortress Stages Rally Sunday 17th March

Entries are now open for the 2013 Sheffield Rolling Road Flying Fortress Stages Rally which will be run at Grafton Underwood on **Sunday 17th March**. We are pleased to welcome **Sheffield Rolling Road** as the sponsor of the event which will provide 55 stage miles in 8 stages.

The Flying Fortress Rally is a qualifying round of the 2013 Roadrunner/ Phoenix Awards ANEMMC Stage Championship, the Ward Construction AEMC Stage Championship and the EMAMC Stage Rally Championship. Scrutineering and Documentation will be on Saturday 16th March from 3.00pm to 6.00pm and on Sunday morning from 7.30am to 8.30pm. To provide further value there is a Stage Practice event for those competitors who are unfortunate enough to retire on the early stage.

The maximum entry is 60 which will be accepted on a first come first served basis.

We encourage competitors to submit their entry using the web entry system which is both quick and efficient.

Payments can be made via Bank Transfer, PayPal or by sending a cheque to the Entries Secretary.

Please note we will not be cashing cheques until 7th March and we guarantee a full refund if an entry has to be withdrawn before the closing date.

Got to www.flyingfortressstages.co.uk for information and Entries.

Heads of the Valleys Auto Club 1000 Lanes Road Rally 2nd/3rd March 2013.

The event is running earlier in the calendar this year, the extra hours of darkness allowing us to increase mileage and incorporate more time recovery sections. We would like to thank Brecon MC for the 'loan' of their date & also thank our returning sponsor - J P Tod Commercials - for their support. This years event will again run to a night road rally format, providing 130 miles of no-nonsense but challenging rallying on maps 160 and 161. There is a reduction of unsurfaced road mileage from last years event to approximately 3 miles, although driven in a standard road car, the use of under-guarding is recommended for the more spirited driver. We are pleased to announce that the event is once again a qualifying round of the WAMC Road Rally Championship, and we thank them for their support. We would like to extend our thanks to all landowners and households along the route

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PIRELLI INTERNATIONAL RALLY

27th - 28th April 2012

CELEBRATING 21 YEARS

Want to be a part of Pirelli International Rally action? Then put a date in your Diary for 27th - 28th April 2012

Come and visit the spectacular Rally Village, based at the superb Carlisle Racecourse, with its restaurants, bars and food outlets for both crews and spectators. The Racecourse complex is headquarters to the Pirelli International Rally and hosts the large central service area and Saturday's Finish Ceremony.

The Rally Village is at the heart of the event which starts Friday afternoon and continues all day Saturday. We aim to offer both families and rally fans alike, the biggest and best motor sport show north of Birmingham. Come and see exotic Rally Cars, Stock Cars and Thundersaloons, then test your skills on the Rally Simulators - all this and much more besides - at the Pirelli Rally Village!

Experience the Action at the Pirelli Rally Village!

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- Rally Clothing
- Face Painting

Trade Stand and Exhibitor enquiries:

Contact: Darren Fox via email: foxmotorsportevents@yahoo.co.uk

ENTRY IS FREE!

www.pirellirally.co.uk



All information is deemed correct at time of going to press

PIRELLI RICHARD BURNS FOUNDATION RALLY

20 years after he flung his Subaru Legacy through the Kielder stages on the way to a stunning victory, the late great Richard Burns will be remembered with the Cumbrian event being re-named The Pirelli Richard Burns Foundation Rally and all the events in the Cumberland Sporting Car Club's portfolio of events will be included under this title including the 2nd round of the MSA British Rally Championship, the 3rd round of the Mintex MSA British Historic Championship, the NGK Spark Plugs BRC Challenge and the Motoscope Norther Historic Championship event.

Pirelli's Motorsport Director, Paul Hembery, commented, " The Richard Burns Foundation is currently focusing on raising funds to provide a "Brain Bus" which will open up to a wider audience the issues and treatment needs of brain and spinal disorders. We are delighted to lend our support to this fantastic cause and hope that our support for the Richard Burns Foundation will enable Richard's name to continue to be visible in the world of rallying. We feel it is a fitting tribute to England's only World rally Champion".

Again based in Carlisle, the Pirelli Richard Burns Foundation Rally will run over the weekend of 4th/ 5th May and will feature stages in the Kielder Forest complex and in the Kershope Forest area. The events central service area will again be at Carlisle Racecourse, also the venue for the Pirelli Rally Village, and there will be a high profile start from Carlisle city centre where the competing cars will be on display.

Further details of the Pirelli Richard Burns Foundation Rally are available on the event website www.thepirellirally.co.uk

Knowldale Car Club Mini Miglia Road Run Saturday 16th March 2013

To celebrate its sixtieth year Knowldale Car Club Ltd will organise a Touring Assembly to be known as the "Mini Miglia Road Run" on Saturday 16th March 2013. The event will start from Lancaster Services on the M6 and will cover 135 miles of classic Mini Miglia roads before finishing in Gisburn

Please go to www.knowldale.co.uk for regs and entry

The AGBO Stages Rally Sunday 17th March 2013.

REGS available from

www.owenmotoringclub.co.uk/AGBO

This year we have moved to an optional online entry and payment system

Lookout Stages April 14th

Planning is now underway for the Lookout Stages to be run at Melbourne Airfield on April 14th.

We are intending to carry out further repairs prior to the event, having asked the competitors at the end of last year's event which areas needed work, we are this year concentrating on trying to improve these areas. Regulations will be available shortly, please visit the club website www.trackrodmotorclub.co.uk and follow links to the Lookout.

Tour Of Epynt 2013 Sunday 10th March

Port Talbot Motor Club Ltd welcomes you to the opening round of the 2013 REIS-Get Connected MSA Asphalt Championship.

This year's rally will also form part of the 2013 Steve Harkness Competition Tyres Welsh

National Tarmacadam Championship, the 2013 King of Epynt supported by Collins

Developments and the 2013 FMP Rally Challenge.

For 2013 the event is based at the Castle Hotel in Llandovery. The route will consist of approximately 80 special stage miles over 7 stages, with one central Service Area. The event will Start on the Epynt Ranges & Finish at the Castle Hotel Llandovery, where the awards ceremony will take place.

We look forward to welcoming both old and new competitors to the event and we would like to wish everybody a successful and enjoyable and safe day's rallying.

The Organisers

Regs & Entry form can be downloaded from

www.ptmconline.com/downloads.html

**Kirkby Lonsdale M.C.
Little Devils Tests
17th March 2013.
Regs : www.klmc.org.uk**

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Clitheroe & D.M.C. **Jack Neal Memorial Stages Rally** Sunday 10th March

A Qualifying round of the following
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SD34MSG Inter-Club League
Blyton Rally Challenge

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