



## CHAMPIONSHIP BULLETIN No.9 – November 2009

The **Lewis & Hunter Contracting Cambrian Rally** provided a fitting end to the **Silverstone Tyres BTRDA Rally Series** year. A huge and very varied entry provided entertainment for the large number of spectators and threw up the usual collection of twists and turns in the Championship battles. **Congratulations** to all the Championship winners featured on the enclosed 'Roll of Honour' and our commiserations and thanks to those that did not quite manage to achieve the results they'd hoped for.

**David Wright** became the **2009 BTRDA Gold Star Drivers' Champion** on a day when, with co-driver **Michael Wilkinson**, he suffered his only non-finish of a very successful season and arrived back in Llandudno on the end of a tow rope! However, his main rivals, 2007 Gold Star Champions **Will Nicholls/Nick Broom** had a nightmare of an event, with very uncharacteristic incidents on stages 1, 2 and 3 which heralded their retirement.

Behind the leading Gold Star runners, there was a very intense battle for the **BTRDA Production Cup** which went right to the end of the very last stage. **Tom Naughton/Horace Saville** just overhauled **Tim Pearcey/Robin Hernaman** to win by 5 secs, while **Alex Allingham/Mark Glennerster** pipped them both to take the class win on the event. However, such was the closeness of the competition that Tim achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> overall driver in the Gold Star Championship and Robin became the overall Champion Co-driver by just one point from Horace.

**Will Onions/Tim Hobbs** are the new **BTRDA Silver Star Champions** after their battle with **Mick Jones/Dale Furniss** was settled when the latter's engine failed on SS1. Will & Tim went on to score the maximum points they needed to take the title, with Mick & Dale retaining runners-up spot.

In the **Millers Oils 1400 Championship** the drama began early when **Graham Middleton** turned up in his 3<sup>rd</sup> different car of the year after last-minute problems with the Suzuki. The car he borrowed was the Nova that **Neil Weaver** used to win the Championship back in 2006. The battle between **Graham & Ella Flynn** and **Darren Pinchin/Karen Watts** was the usual competitive affair, with handfuls of seconds traded on every stage. However, having just taken the lead on SS3, Darren & Karen went off on SS4 and retired. Graham & Ella went on to take the maximum Championship points which allowed Graham to achieve the unprecedented **Triple BTRDA Crown - Gold Star, Silver Star and 1400 Championship titles**.

There were many other notable achievements on the Cambrian Rally, but maybe the biggest winner was the friendly competition which was typified by David Wright praising the performance of rivals Will & Nick, while both Mick Jones and Darren Pinchin came back to the final time control in Llandudno specifically to congratulate their main Championship rivals.

**Thanks to all the BTRDA competitors for making 2009 another memorable Championship year.**

The provisional 2009 Championship points are attached to this Bulletin and will be declared final seven days after the date of this bulletin. The Championship Awards Presentation will be held on Saturday 5th December (see separate item).

### MSA ENGLISH RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP 2009

The final round of the Championship was the Tempest 2 Rally on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November and the key question was whether **Graham Middleton/Ella Flynn** could score sufficient points to depose erstwhile leaders **Jon Ballinger/Alistair Douglas**. After a big effort to get the Suzuki ready for the event, in the end it was all to no avail when they suffered a broken driveshaft on SS4 and were forced to retire. **Kieran & Lyndsey Darrington** went on the claim class E1 points whilst **John Woodward's** points in Class E3 were sufficient to move him up to 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in the Drivers' Championship.

So congratulations to **Jon & Alistair** who are the **2009 MSA English Rally Champions**. (See separate item on changes for the 2010 MSA English Rally Championship).

### AWARDS DINNER & PRESENTATION EVENING

The 2009 Awards evening will be on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December at the Moor Hall Hotel, Sutton Coldfield. There are still a few tickets left but, with 189 confirmed entries already, it seems it will be a sell-out 'do'! [maximum entry is 220] There are also a few rooms still available at Moor Hall.

**Any class winners who have not yet taken up their complementary ticket should contact Zoe or Mark Kinsey IMMEDIATELY. [kinseymark@aol.com](mailto:kinseymark@aol.com) Tel: 01584 874223 (h) 07971 028835 (m)**

## SILVERSTONE TYRES CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE BTRDA RALLY SERIES

The BTRDA is pleased to announce that Silverstone Competition Tyres have agreed to sponsor the BTRDA Rally Series for a further three years. Silverstone Tyres have been the main sponsor of the BTRDA Rally Series since 2005 and this latest agreement will extend the partnership until at least 2012.

Richie Holfeld, Chairman of the BTRDA Rallies Committee, said "This is excellent news that guarantees the successful continuation of the Silverstone Tyres BTRDA Rally Series and all its Championships. In these challenging times it is testimony to the popularity of the BTRDA Rally Series that it can attract increased support from a large multi-national company such as Silverstone Tyres".

One of the exciting new prizes on offer to one of the Millers Oils 1400 Championship crews will be a trip for two people to the 2011 Malaysian GP as guests of Silverstone Tyres and Service & Sport.

To launch the 2010 Silverstone Tyres BTRDA Rally Series, Service & Sport and the BTRDA will jointly promote a Championship Open Day at the end of November where competitors will have an opportunity to test their cars and try out the latest Silverstone Competition Tyres.

## SILVERSTONE TYRES / BTRDA RALLY OPEN DAY

The Silverstone Tyres/BTRDA Rally Open Day will take place on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November at the Sweet Lamb Motor Sport testing facility.

Any competitor who is planning to contest any of the BTRDA Rally Championships and Challenges in 2010 is invited to attend and we would especially welcome any new or potential competitors. We would like to attract a representative sample of rally cars and competitors from each of the BTRDA Championship categories from *Rally First/F1000/MG ZR's* etc. through to WR1.

The activities will be located around the workshop/service area at Sweet Lamb, with access to a 1.5- mile gravel test stage where competitors will be encouraged to try out the latest range of Silverstone Competition Tyres in readiness for the 2010 season.

The Open Day will include a number of practical 'workshops' where experienced rally people will share their knowledge and answer any questions you may have. There will be information about all the 2010 BTRDA Rally Championships and the BTRDA Championship Co-ordinators will be on hand to help explain all the options for 2010. More information will be on the Championship web site [www.btrdarally.com](http://www.btrdarally.com) as it comes available

## MILLERS OILS END OF SEASON AWARDS

These awards will provide a further £750 of product vouchers to be shared between the most successful drivers in the Millers Oils BTRDA 1400 Championship.

<b>Graham Middleton</b>	£100	<b>Callum Black</b>	£100	<b>Kieran Darrington</b>	£100
<b>Darren Pinchin</b>	£100	<b>Sion Matthews</b>	£100	<b>Gary Wright</b>	£100
<b>Gary Scott</b>	£50	<b>Euros Evans</b>	£50	<b>Vin Hughes</b>	£50

This is in addition to the £1,750 of Millers Oils vouchers that have already been distributed to drivers in the Championship during the year.

We are very pleased to confirm that Millers Oils have agreed to continue to support the BTRDA 1400 Championship again in 2010. Details of all their specialist Motorsport lubricants can be found at [www.millersoils.net](http://www.millersoils.net)

Millers Oils products are not just for the 1400 competitors, and on-event support man Simon Morton is there for everyone needing Millers Oils products and advice. Simon, who has years of experience in the lubricant business, is a registered BTRDA competitor this year in his Subaru Impreza. He knows all about getting the best out of performance cars and will be happy to pass on his knowledge. Simon can be contacted on: Tel: 01925 752819(w), 07711 483828(m), E-mail: [moilstd@aol.com](mailto:moilstd@aol.com)

## HOLFELD PUMPS TEAM CHALLENGE

**The Herefordshire Bulls - Nigel Griffiths, Jon Ballinger & Gary Scott** - have won the 2009 Holfeld Pumps Team Challenge by just one point and, with it, the first prize of £750. Second were the **D.A.D** team of **David Wright, Alan McDowell & Darren Pinchin** who will share £450, while third, after scoring maximum points on the Cambrian Rally were **H2O - Hugh Hunter, Will Onions & Malcolm Hague**.

The leading three teams are:-

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>The Bulls</b>	<b>Nigel Griffiths / Jon Ballinger / Gary Scott</b>	<b>172</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>D.A.D.</b>	<b>David Wright / Alan McDowell / Darren Pinchin</b>	<b>171</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>H<sup>2</sup>O</b>	<b>Hugh Hunter / Will Onions / Malcolm Hague</b>	<b>160</b>

A full list of all the Team Challenge points is published on the Championship web site.

## MINTEX / QUESTMEAD BONUS SCHEME

The winners of the Mintex Awards on the Cambrian Rally, each of whom receive a voucher for a set of FREE competition brake pads from Questmead Ltd were:-

'Best Improvement on Start Number' in GS / SS Championships:	<b>Neville Jones</b>	B13
'Best Improvement on Start Number' in Millers 1400 Championship:	<b>Lewis Roper</b>	RF1.0

Contact Alan Brown at Questmead on Tel: 01706 860088. MINTEX is represented on all events by Alan who will be happy to supply any advice or product information you require.



## SILVERSTONE TYRES BTRDA RALLY SERIES 2010

Our objective is to provide a range of competitive and affordable Stage Rally Championships that will encourage both existing and new competitors to participate in stage rallying. Using these criteria, 2009 has been a great success with an increasing number of competitors registered for the BTRDA Rally Series and more BTRDA crews on championship events.

The 2010 Silverstone Tyres BTRDA® Rally Series, now in its 57<sup>th</sup> year, will be based around 8 classic one-day National 'B' forest rallies. The BTRDA Rally Series is open to all competitors and includes a range of Championships and Challenges to suit every budget which include:-

- Silverstone Tyres Gold Star Championship - all cars over 1400cc
- Silverstone Tyres Silver Star Championship - exclusively for 2-wheel drive cars
- Millers Oils BTRDA 1400 Championship – up to 1400cc running in advance of the main field and using Silverstone Competition Tyres
- BTRDA Rally First - for standard cars up to 1400cc with reduced entry fees
- MG ZR Rally Challenge – specially for this popular rally car

## 2010 CALENDAR (best 6 scores to count)

Event	Date	Rally HQ	Classic stages include
Wyedean Forest Rally*	13 <sup>th</sup> February	Chepstow	Speech House, Sallowvallets
Malcolm Wilson Rally	6 <sup>th</sup> March	Cockermouth	Grizedale, Greystoke, Comb
Somerset Stages*	24 <sup>th</sup> April	Minehead	Croydon Hill, Porlock
Plains*	15 <sup>th</sup> May	Welshpool	Dyfi, Garthieniog
Dukeries*	12 <sup>th</sup> June	Southwell	Sherwood Forest, Clipstone
Quinton*	10 <sup>th</sup> July	Llandovery	Crychan, Halfway, Route 60
Woodpecker*	4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Ludlow	Haye Park, Radnor
Cambrian*	16 <sup>th</sup> October	Llandudno	Clocaenog, Penmachno

\* = BTRDA Rally First events (best 5 to count)

The Championship events have confirmed that in 2010 a standard event entry fee will be at, or below, £400 and the BTRDA will reduce championship registration fees and include the MSA English Rally Championship as part of the package. Further championship support and competitor incentives will be confirmed over the next few weeks.

The 2010 Championship regulations should be available on 1<sup>st</sup> December and they will be sent out to all 2009 registered competitors.

## BTRDA RALLY FIRST

We plan to build on a successful 2009 and continue to expand BTRDA *Rally First*. We are developing closer links and better synergy with the Formula 1000 Forest Championship which will be contested on all 7 BTRDA *Rally First* events in 2010 which will certainly strengthen the F1000/RF1.0 Class.

We will also be introducing new Junior Driver and Co-driver awards in BTRDA *Rally First* and there will also be a separate Rally First Class in the MSA English Rally Championship for the first time.

All the key benefits of the BTRDA *Rally First* category remain; the low preparation and running costs, discounted entry fees, exceptional reliability etc. We are also pleased to confirm that the £20 **Holfeld Pumps Finishers' Awards** will continue for 2010. In 2009 there were 23 drivers who shared out almost £1,500 pounds, with a number of consistent drivers each receiving a total of £120 in finisher's awards during the year.

## MG ZR RALLY CHALLENGE

Congratulations to **Callum Black** & **Paul Wakely** on winning the MG ZR Rally Challenge and thanks to Jim Ward and all the MG ZR competitors for making it such a successful first year. The full list of MG ZR Rally Challenge points can be found on the 'News' section of the Championship web site.

For 2010 we are retaining the same successful formula for all types of up to 1400cc MG ZR's whilst, at the same time, integrating the Challenge further into the BTRDA Rally Series in terms of results and awards.

## 2010 MSA ENGLISH RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

We are pleased to confirm that the BTRDA has been successful in its application to the MSA to organise and promote the MSA ENGLISH RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP for the next 5 years.

The 2010 Championship will be based around a selection of the best 7 National 'B' forest stage rallies in England with a good geographical and date spread. (best 5 scores to count)

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Wyedean Forest Rally	13 <sup>th</sup> February	Chepstow
Malcolm Wilson Rally	6 <sup>th</sup> March	Cockermouth
Somerset Stages	24 <sup>th</sup> April	Minehead
Dukeries	12 <sup>th</sup> June	Southwell
Woodpecker	4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Ludlow
Trackrod Club Rally	25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Pickering
Tempest 2 WD Rally	6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Aldershot

#### Key Points of the MSA English Rally Championship

- Open to all 2-wheel drive cars with a maximum engine capacity limit of 2 litres.
- Class-based championship so that competitors from any class have a chance of winning the overall title. The scoring system reflects achievement against other registered competitors in the same class and the size of the class.
- There will be 5 classes to provide maximum opportunity to compete against similar cars. They include a BTRDA *Rally First* class to encourage the use of standard cars at the least possible cost. Classes will be:-

Class 1	BTRDA <i>Rally First</i> cars up to 1400cc
Class 2	All other cars up to 1400cc
Class 3	1401 to 1600cc
Class 4	1601 to 2000cc FWD
Class 5	Up to 2000cc RWD

The MSA English Rally Championship will include a 'Junior Driver' and 'Junior Co-Driver' category for those who are fortunate enough to be aged 23 and under at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010.

#### LICO RALLY SCHOLARSHIP

Lico UK has a rally scholarship aimed at benefitting grass roots rallying and assisting junior rally drivers. This arrangement will see all BTRDA registered competitors receive a 10% discount on all Lico products bought from the official outlet. View the Lico UK catalogue at [www.lico-uk.com](http://www.lico-uk.com) / [sales@lico-uk.co.uk](mailto:sales@lico-uk.co.uk) / Tel: 01938 500760. Quote your Championship number to obtain your discount.

#### CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

The Championship web sites [www.btrdarally.com](http://www.btrdarally.com) and [www.englishrally.co.uk](http://www.englishrally.co.uk) contain all the official Championship bulletins, news, links to all the events and the latest Championship positions / points. It is also the location for **LIVE EVENT RESULTS** during events so that your friends and family can keep an eye on your performance.

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