



WELCOME to the 2018 JORDAN ROAD SURFACING BTRDA Rally Series

Thank you for registering for the 2018 **JORDAN ROAD SURFACING BTRDA Rally Series**. We hope you will have an enjoyable and successful Championship year. We have every expectation that the 2018 **JORDAN ROAD SURFACING BTRDA Rally Series** will continue to live up to the BTRDA ethos of providing some **Serious Fun**.

The purpose of this Newsletter is to explain a few bits and pieces in advance of your first event. We hope you find it helpful, but if you have any questions about the BTRDA Rally Series please contact us.

You should have received your BTRDA membership card, or if you have recently registered it will be with you shortly. Don't worry if it hasn't arrived in time for the Cambrian Rally (17th February) as the BTRDA Membership Secretary, Paul Price, will be at the event and will be able to confirm your membership.

For those competitors who have not yet registered for 2018 then you can do so via the on-line BTRDA membership registration system www.btrdamembership.com or print off a Registration form from the championship website www.btrdarally.com/competitors/ and send it to Paul Price, the Membership Secretary. If all else fails, you can register at the BTRDA desk at any of the championship events. (Registrations close after the Nicky Grist Stages).

The membership card carries your BTRDA Club membership number and your BTRDA Championship registration number (drivers start with a 7 and co-drivers with a 2). Your registration also includes eligibility for the **MAXXIS** MSA English Rally Championship which starts on the Malcolm Wilson Stages.

The 2018 Jordan Road Surfacing BTRDA Rally Series calendar includes 8 very popular one-day forest events and we are pleased to include a new event to the Championship, the Rallynuts Stages to be based in Mid Wales. Your final championship results will be based on your **best 6 scores**.

1	CAMBRIAN RALLY	February 17th	North Wales
2	MALCOLM WILSON RALLY	March 3rd	Lake District
3	RALLYNUTS STAGES RALLY	April 14th	Mid Wales
4	PLAINS RALLY	May 12th	West Wales
5	CARLISLE STAGES	June 9th	Kielder Forest West
6	NICKY GRIST STAGES	July 14th	Mid Wales
7	EVENTSIGNS WOODPECKER STAGES	September 1st	Shropshire/Welsh Borders
8	TRACKROD FOREST STAGES	September 29th	North Yorkshire

CHAMPIONSHIP SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS

We are delighted that **JORDAN ROAD SURFACING** will be our new title sponsor, whilst **MAXXIS Tyres**, **Revolution Wheels**, **Mintex** and **Reis** will again be providing invaluable support. We are grateful to all our sponsors and we look forward to working with them during the forthcoming year.

SPECIAL STAGE FILMING

The popular coverage of the **Jordan Road Surfacing BTRDA Rally Series** by 'Special Stage' will be continuing in 2018 and will be shared on various platforms including our FaceBook page and the BTRDA Rally Series website. More details to follow.

In order to help Special Stage produce more informed programmes we encourage competitors to send information about their exploits to Special Stage as soon as possible after each event. This should be done online via the driver info page at www.specialstage.co.uk/driver-info





CHAMPIONSHIP DECALS

Championship decals will be posted out from 28th January to all drivers who are registered for the 2018 Championship, up to the 7th February so you should receive them in time to put them on before the Cambrian Rally. These decals (1 x screen strip and 2 x sponsor panels- 375mm x 265mm; one for each side of the car) must be displayed on the rally car to qualify for Championship points and also to identify the car so you can appear on the TV programmes. Those not registered by 7th February can collect them from the signing on desk of your first event in the BTRDA series.

CHANGES FOR THE 2018 CHAMPIONSHIP

As well as the inclusion of a new event to replace the Somerset Stages, we have made a few changes to our class structure and introduced a new category:

- The new Rallye R2 Cup exclusively for R2 cars
- Re-structure of the Historic Classes to include the increasingly popular Cat 4a and b cars.
- Inclusion of new 2.0L Rally First Class

Further information on all of the above can be found in the 2018 BTRDA Rally Series Regulations at www.btrdarally.com/competitors/

CAMBRIAN RALLY – 17th FEBRUARY

The Cambrian rally will once again start the championship season off in Llandudno. This year's route offers a change in format. The very compact route stays completely within the Conwy County on maps 115 & 116 and offers some 45 miles of challenging stages along with a new central service area at Surf Snowdonia. North Wales Car Club have already received a strong entry so if you have not yet entered the event then you should do so as soon as possible at www.cambrianrally.co.uk It will certainly provide some Serious Fun and let's all hope for better weather this year!

CHAMPIONSHIP ELIGIBILITY PRE AND POST EVENT SCRUTINEERING

It is an important part of any Championship to ensure competing cars meet their eligibility requirements as set down in the Championship regulations and the MSA Yearbook (Blue Book). At the end of every event cars will be selected for post event Scrutineering by the Championship Eligibility Scrutineers. You should not be concerned if you are asked to attend such checks as we would much prefer to confirm your car is correct than find a problem. If you have any doubts about eligibility, please contact the Championship Eligibility Scrutineers. For any FIA homologated cars, especially classes NR4 or N3, please remember to carry an original set (not a copy) of the relevant homologation forms in the car at all times. By not carrying them or having incorrect ones, you risk not scoring any championship points on that event. Simple, but often forgotten.

BTRDA RALLY FIRST

All BTRDA Rally First cars are required to submit a Vehicle Declaration Form (VDF) to any of the on-event BTRDA team or the Championship Scrutineers. This form and the BTRDA Rally First Technical Regulations are available under the Competitors section of the BTRDA Rally website.

ON EVENT FUEL / RE-FUEL

As in 2017 Vital Equipment will be the official fuel supplier to the BTRDA Rally Series and will be at all the events. **To order your fuel please use the on-line order facility listed in the Competitor Section of the BTRDA Rally Series website.** www.vitalequipment.co.uk/btrda-fuel-order-form-30-w.asp Tel: 01981 241169.





MALCOLM WILSON RALLY – 3rd MARCH

Entries are now available for the Malcolm Wilson Rally, Round 2 of the BTRDA Rally Series and Round 1 of the MSA English Championship. Regulations and online entries can be found at www.malcolmwilson.co.uk The event includes iconic stages such as Grizedale North and South and Greystoke. The event is based in the friendly town of Cockermouth where scrutineering will take place on the Main Street & documentation. The event will again start in the nearby M-Sport complex and the finish will be, as last year, within a few metres of Junction 40 of the M6. So get your entries in quickly for this great event.

MAXXIS MSA ENGLISH RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

For the 2018 MAXXIS MSA English Rally Championship we have reverted back to an all gravel format but as last year will be open to all cars that comply with the MSA Safety and Technical Regulations. The 2018 Championship will include a selection of the best one day forest events in England, with the addition of a one Welsh event, the Nicky Grist Stages. A total of six events make up the Championship with the final round being the Wydean Stages in the Forest of Dean in November. The best five scores will count.

MSA English Championship - 2018 Calendar

1	MALCOLM WILSON RALLY	March 3rd	Lake District
2	CARLISLE STAGES	June 9th	Kielder Forest West
3	NICKY GRIST STAGES	July 14th	Mid Wales
4	EVENTSIGNS WOODPECKER STAGES	September 1st	Shropshire/Welsh Borders
5	TRACKROD FOREST STAGES	September 29th	North Yorkshire
6	WYEDEAN STAGES RALLY	November 10th	Forest of Dean

The Championship will be split into 8 championship classes with the scoring system reflecting achievement against other competitors in the same class as in 2017.

CLASSES

- Class 1 BTRDA Rally First cars up to and including 1400cc and FIA R1A and N1
- Class 2 All cars up to 1400cc not eligible for class 1 and RF1.6 cars
- Class 3 Over 1400cc and up to and including 1600cc, including all FIA R2B cars
- Class 4 Over 1600cc and up and including to 2000cc
- Class 5 Over 2000cc 2 Wheel Drive
- Class 6 Current and former FIA Group N / NR4 cars over 2000cc
- Class 7 Over 2000cc 4 Wheel Drive
- Class 8 All WRC, RRC, R5 and S2000 cars and all derivatives

Remember: The MAXXIS MSA English Rally Championship registration is all part of the 2018 JORDAN ROAD SURFACING BTRDA Rally Series and BTRDA membership package. More information about the MAXXIS MSA English Rally Championship can be found at www.englishrally.co.uk

LIVE RESULTS

All events in the BTRDA Rally Series use the excellent Tynemouth Computer Services (TCS) to provide live event results. This is the most comprehensive and detailed results system currently operating and enables competitors, supporters and spectators to follow events via the live online web results service.



SITUATIONS VACANT!!

Interested in making your opinions and ideas on the future of the BTRDA Championship count?

If so, we'd like to hear from you.

The BTRDA Rallies Committee are looking for anyone who's keen to get involved in running the Championship.

We have vacancies for two specific positions, **Treasurer** and **Secretary**. However, we're also keen to hear from anyone interested in joining the Committee and get involved, especially with media coverage and on-event support.

If any of you, as competitors, or any of your friends, family, motor club members, colleagues etc. are interested PLEASE do get in touch with our Chairman, Neil Cross (trec1.nec@btinternet.com) or any of the on-event team mentioned below.

CHAMPIONSHIP ON-EVENT TEAM

There have been some changes to the BTRDA team for 2018.

Ian Arden will be Competitor Liaison Officer attending all events. Ian will be supported by other members of the BTRDA Rallies Committee, Norman Robertson, Howard Wilcock, Neil Cross and Gill Cotton on events throughout the year.

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