



RACRMC Asphalt Newsletter No 1

ROGER ALBERT CLARK HISTORIC ASPHALT RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

Championship newsletter 1/2026: Sunday 28 December 2025

- Five closed-road rallies make up new asphalt historic series
- All ages of historic rally car catered for
- Schedule of quality events covering England, Scotland and Welsh borders

The Roger Albert Clark Historic Asphalt Rally Championship is a new all-asphalt historic rally championship launched for 2026 by the team behind the British Historic Rally Championship.

Calendar

Roger Albert Clark Historic Asphalt Rally Championship calendar:

21-22 February: East Riding Stages Rally
8-9 May: Manx Rally (double-header)
24 May: Jim Clark Reivers Rally
19-20 June: Argyll Rally
19-20 September: Hills Ford Stages

Categories and classes

This will be a category based championship, with points scored within each category rather than on an overall basis.

The classes used within the championship will be as detailed in the relevant NCR regulations published by Motorsport UK.

Category 1 Cars: up to 1 January 1968

Category 2 Cars: 1 January 1968 to 31 December 1974

Category 3 Cars 1 January 1975 to 31 December 1981.





Category 4a Cars homologated in Groups A, N and B between 1 January 1982 and 31 December 1985 excluding any cars that were regulated out by the FIA in period from rallies for safety reasons.

Category 4b Cars homologated in Groups A, N and B between 1 January 1986 and 31 December 1990 excluding any cars that were regulated out by the FIA in period from rallies for safety reasons.

Category 5 Cars homologated in Groups A and N between 1 January 1991 and 31 December 1999, including 'Formula 2' Kit Cars (including all Evolution and Maxi variants) that still comply with their homologation and (All period homologated Group A and Group N 4wd cars, not including formerly homologated World Rally Cars).

FIA Appendix K Historic Rally Cars fully compliant with the current FIA Appendix K to the International Sporting Code. These cars will not run in their own Category but will be amalgamated into an appropriate class.

Competitors in cars with papers submitted and receipt available will be able score points ahead of completed papers being received.

Licences, points and registration

Competitors will need only an Inter Club licence to compete in the championship. Points will be scored on a category basis with the best five scores from six rounds to count.

The championship registration fees will be £80 and if registering for the Championship as well as the BHRC the fee will be reduced to £120.

Event details

East Riding Stages Rally: Saturday-Sunday February 21-22

The season opens on the closed roads of East Yorkshire in this very well run event organised by Beverley and District Motor Club. The event is based in the town of Beverley, which features a ceremonial start and finish celebrations in the market square.





In 2026, for the first time, there will be stages on Saturday evening and again on Sunday on some tricky and testing closed road stages.

Some new stages are planned for the 2026 edition and the route will include the very popular spectator stage at Westwood in a route of 70 competitive miles.

Regulations are due to be published on Christmas Day with entries due to open on January 21.

Rally Guide 1 is now available from the event website at: bdmc.org.uk

Manx National Rally: Friday-Saturday May 8-9

The Isle of Man is an absolute haven for closed-road special stage rallying with a history dating back more than 60 years. It offers some of the most rewarding and challenging closed road stages of the whole year from a central service and base at the TT Grandstand in Douglas.

This will be the championship's double-header round, with full points awarded for Friday's results and another set of full points for Saturday. Typically, the action starts late morning on Friday and runs through until mid-afternoon on Saturday.

Classics sections including Brandywell, Druidale, the Baldwins and more will all feature on this superb event organised by Manx Auto Sport. The new Manxman ferry has made getting to the island even easier.

Event details will be at: manxautosport.org

Jim Clark Reivers Rally: Sunday May 24

The third event of the season will be the one-day Jim Clark Reivers Rally running on Sunday May 24. The BRC and Protyre Asphalt Championships will run on the Jim Clark Memorial Rally on Friday evening and Saturday, but we will be part of the one-day Reivers Rally on Sunday, running over entirely different stages. It is possible to do both events if people choose to, as the stages do not overlap.

The Reivers Rally will run to around 60 competitive miles in eight stages on some fine Scottish Borders closed roads from a rally HQ and base in the town of Duns.

More details will be at: jimclarkrally.co.uk

Argyll Rally: Friday and Saturday June 19-20

Based in the town of Dunoon, the Argyll Rally run by Mull Car Club is a challenging, closed-road event with some very rewarding special stages on the Cowal Peninsula.

The action starts on Friday evening with two runs of the spectacular street stage in Dunoon with rally cars running down the high street competitively. The competition





then moves into the surrounding hills and countryside before finishing back on the Dunoon seafront on Saturday afternoon.

More details will be at: argyllrally.co.uk

Hills Ford Stages: Saturday and Sunday September 19-20

The final event of the season is the Hills Ford Stages, which will have a very new look for 2026. The event has moved north from its origins and will now run exclusively in Shropshire.

After a ceremonial start in Shrewsbury town centre, the competition will include a Saturday afternoon leg with special stages at nearby Weston Park, a venue with a tremendous rallying heritage. On Sunday, a series of closed road stages in the Shropshire lanes will be a fitting finale to the championship season.

The event is organised by Cheltenham Motor Club with a dedicated organising team that works hard on engagement with local residents and businesses to make the event a success for everyone involved.

More details will be at: hillsfordstages.co.uk

Press and PR

The championship will have a dedicated press, PR and photography service provided by Paul and Ben Lawrence, with coverage from all events. Contact paul@tfmpr.com for more details.

Social media

Initially, the prime social media activity will be found at: facebook.com/RACRMCrallychampionship

