



RACRMC Newsletter April 2025

Welcome to the April Newsletter

Firstly many apologise for not sending out a newsletter for March, to say we have busy has been an understatement organising the Kielder Carlisle Stages.

Well it is fair to say what a success the event was in only 12 weeks of organising the event, even the weather came out to play and make the event the success it was.

Kielder Carlisle Stages



On behalf of the Club I would like to thank the Probite British Rally Championship, the Fuchs Lubricants British Historic Rally Championship, the Pirelli Welsh Rally Championship and the Stallantis Cup for coming to Carlisle last weekend where we started 96 crews for this one off event.

As you may be aware the event was filmed for ITV and the programme is being shown on ITV 4 on Bank Holiday Monday the 21st April to be shown at 20.00 with the programme repeated on 27th April at 07.00 hrs.

Championship News



Championship Points after Round 2 are now attached to this newsletter and have been added to the Club's Web Site www.racrmc.org.





Plains Rally - Round 3

Entries are coming in well for the event on the 17 May based from Bala again.

Argyll Rally – Round 4

This year the event will be scoring 1.5 championship points base on the finish results of the event.

Entries Open on 1 May at 19.00 hrs for this year event on 20/21 June.

100% Asphalt offers 67 stage miles over 16 stages.

Supplementary Regulations can be found here: [Dunoon-Presents-Argyll-Rally-2025-Supplementary-Regulations.pdf](#)

The Entry Fee is £800

Accommodation offers are availble from the Hunter Quay holiday park.

All the officials stop at the park and is very convenient for the event and the caravans are of a good quality.

Our reference:

Date of Arrival:

Nights:

Date of Departure:

Number of units booked:

Rates:

Dunoon Rally Racers	
Date of Arrival:	18 th June 2025
Nights:	4
Date of Departure:	21 st June 2025
Number of units booked:	~20 total
Rates:	£395 2 bed Gold caravan
	£425 3 bed Gold Caravan
	£450 2 bed Platinum Caravan
	£480 3 bed Platinum Caravan
	£445 2 bed Classic Lodge
	£480 3 bed Classic Lodge

Rates quoted by break per unit and inclusive of VAT. Rates are quoted based on the number of units confirmed at contracting stage, any amendments at this stage may result in the rate being requoted.





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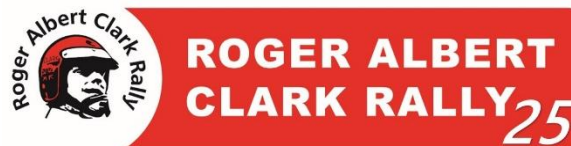
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Roger Albert Clark Rally



As you will have seen in the press, Motorsport UK have granted the event the option to run upto 200 entries on the event thanks to the Schedule 4 statues as organised by De Lacy Motor Club Ltd.

Currently the event has received 229 entries for the full event and a further 29 entries for the Mini Challenge running on the Saturday first leg.

Over the next few weeks a lot of organisation is taking place with the finalisation of the route for Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

With all the changes taking place in wales of staff within NRW, the event application is currently being processed which should allow me in May to start the initial route surveys.

As the route develops, we will be announcing it here first.





Press Articles published recently:

Crossen claims maiden BHRC win at the Carlisle Stages

David Crossen and Ben Teggart secured their first Fuchs Lubricants British Historic Rally Championship victory on Saturday [12 April], storming to a convincing win at the Carlisle Stages in the Kielder Forest complex.

The Ford Escort MKII driver has just half a dozen historic events under his belt but underlined his continued progression by taking the win by over 50 seconds from round one winners Daniel Menzell and John Roberts. David Henderson and Chris Lees recovered from a challenging day to secure third spot, once again giving the Escort a podium lockout.

Just five stages were in store, but the challenging Kielder Forest would be one of the toughest of the season, with car-swallowing ditches and super-fast blind crests a feature of the day. The warm Spring weather added dust to the already difficult stages, meaning crews would need to be on form to emerge unscathed.

Crossen stole an early lead over Henderson on the short opening test but only by 0.7s before a storming run through Kershope extended that to over 15. When Henderson suffered a puncture in Buck Fell, Crossen's lead almost doubled with George Lepley's Mitsubishi Galant VR4 giving chase.

But no one could match Crossen's pace in the ultra-fast forest stages and the Northern Irishman was able to manage his lead over the closing stages to claim his maiden win.

"We had a good four stages, that last one was the longest stage of my life, but I'm absolutely delighted" he said.

"Thanks to all the boys too, we all had an alternator issue and the boys sorted it in service, we only had 30 minutes but they did it. Ben has done a great job on the notes and a huge thanks also to all the organisers for getting this rally going in such a short space of time. I've rallied a modified car now for 10 years, I've always wanted to get a historic car built & see if I could be on the pace at this level, so you know, I'm over the moon".

With the revised Category-based points scoring system which now offers the chance for all competitors to secure the coveted title, the fight outside the overall positions was equally important.





In Category 3 [cars registered between 1975 and 1981], Crossen took top spot, and it was Mennell who secured second place after a positive day. The Yorkshireman added to his Riponian win to ensure he now jointly leads the category. David Henderson recovered from his early puncture, and despite getting stuck in the dust of an ailing car, salvaged third.

The forest claimed a host of contenders including Paul Barrett on SS2 whilst, Adrian Hetherington and Simon Webster retired in the afternoon. Ben Friend retired his Escort with gearbox issues.

Adam Milner and Roy Jarvis took win number two in Category 2 [cars registered between 1968 and 1975], hurling their Ford Escort MK1 to an impressive 4th BHRC crew in the process. They finished 3 minutes in front of Jeremy Easson and Mike Reynolds [Escort MK1], with Tim Jones and Paul Barbet [Escort Mk1] rounding out the top three.

In Category 4 [cars registered between 1982 and 1990], Barry Jordan and Arwel Jenkins made it two from two after George Lepley failed to emerge from the final test. The Galant VR4 would be bruised and battered after a light roll but was patched up to secure a second victory.

Terry Cree and Richard Shores weaved their way through the stages in their Category 1 [cars registered before 1968] Mini Cooper S, managing to avoid the rocks and ruts to claim win number two this season.





Roger Albert Clark Rally entry extended to 200 cars

The 2025 Roger Albert Clark Rally will feature the biggest entry on a UK rally for nearly three decades after the capacity for the rally was extended from 180 to 200 cars.

Following overwhelming demand for places, the November 19-24 event will now start with a maximum of 200 cars, allowing the first 20 reserves shown on the provisional entry list to move up to a guaranteed place. All remaining reserves will move up accordingly.

The increase is possible as the event is a nominated rally within Schedule 4 of the Motor Vehicles (Competition and Trials) Regulations of 1969. Historically, this regulation permits a small number of rallies to run with more than 180 cars and the permission is a legacy from the international rally previously run by De Lacy Motor Club.





Rally manager Colin Heppenstall said: “We are absolutely delighted that we have been able to increase the capacity of the field by 20 cars. It means that the first 20 crews on the original reserve list can now plan ahead, secure in the knowledge they will be on the start list in November. We're very grateful to everyone at Motorsport UK for their support in making this possible. It's great news for the event and great news for UK rallying in general. We think the last time more than 180 cars started a rally was the 1996 Network Q RAC Rally, which had 182 starters.”

At least 10 competitors from that 1996 event are on the entry list for this year's Roger Albert Clark Rally. The last UK stage rally that had 200 starters is thought to have been the 1976 Lombard RAC Rally, which was headlined by Roger Clark's second victory on the rally.

“We will now re-issue the provisional entry list to show that the first 20 reserves have been converted into accepted entries,” said Heppenstall. “We still have around 40 reserves on the list, but some of these are likely to get the chance to run as the entry list evolves.”

Heppenstall confirmed that route timings and start and finish venues and service areas have all been planned to cope with up to 200 cars and support crews.

“It is going to be an incredible celebration of UK rallying,” said Heppenstall. “I'm delighted that we can confirm that 20 of those on the original reserve list are now guaranteed a place.”

First entry list published for Roger Albert Clark Rally

The first provisional entry list for this year's Roger Albert Clark Rally has been unveiled today (Monday March 24) showing a total of 222 entries to date.

The response to the 2025 rally has been remarkable, with demand for entries from across the UK, Ireland, Europe and further afield and the initial list shows those who are already guaranteed a place on the start list when the five-day marathon begins in Carmarthen on Wednesday November 19.

Included in the initial list are five places retained by the event organisers to be allocated at their discretion and 15 places for contenders in the Bowler Owners' Rally Championship. The Bowler contenders have until May 31 to confirm their entries, and it is likely that not all 15 places will be taken up.





Currently on the reserve list are 40 crews who have paid the event deposit and a further 19 crews who have submitted an entry form but have yet to pay the required deposit.

Several notable entries have been left showing as tba on the published entry list as these entries involve prominent drivers and more details will be confirmed over the coming weeks and months.

Rally manager Colin Heppenstall said: “Obviously, we are absolutely delighted with the response to this year’s rally. We have both quantity and quality right through the field and an enormous variety of cars. Entries remain open and we are still receiving entries. Any entries received with deposits will go to the bottom of that list. However, we do expect that a large proportion of the current reserves will move up to the final entry list as the event gets closer.”

Features of the entry list include a quality and very varied field for the Open Rally, a host of newcomers to the event and the best ever contingent of crews from outside the UK. Leading drivers in historic cars already confirmed include Seb Perez in the Lancia Stratos, Mark Higgins in the Triumph TR7 V8 and a host of rapid Ford Escort Mk2s including those of Jason Pritchard, Dan Mennell, Paul Barrett, Rhys Yates, Ben Friend, David Henderson, Adrian Hetherington, Tom Llewellyn, Richard Jordan and Tom Walster.

A number of Pre ‘68 Category 1 historic cars are on the list while Category 4 is represented by a growing number of cars from the 1980s. In total, 31 manufacturers and at least 50 models of car are represented in the list. The entry list will be regularly updated as it evolves over the coming weeks.

