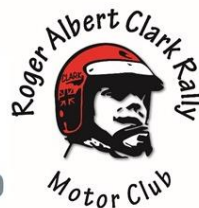


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RACRMC Newsletter December 2023

Welcome to the December Newsletter

Firstly, I would like to wish all our members and supporters a very Merry Christmas

A lot of updates to finish off our 2023 year and a look forward to what is happening in 2024.

Championship News

Attached to the Newsletter are the provisional final points standing for the Fuchs Lubricants British Historic Rally Championship for 2023.

I would like to congratulate the following who will receive their awards at the Annual Dinner Dance at Casa Hotel on Saturday 3rd February.

Winner of the Fuchs Lubricants British Historic Rally Championship for 2023

Driver - Roger Chilman

CoDriver - Patrick Walsh

Category 1

1st Overall Driver - Terry Cree

CoDriver - Richard Shores

Category 2

1st Overall Driver - Josh Carr

CoDriver - Mike Reynolds

2nd Overall Driver – Jeremy Easson



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CoDriver - Derek Davies
3rd Overall Driver – Andrew Stokes
CoDriver - Jonny Tad Evans

Category 3

1st Overall Driver - Tom Walster
CoDriver - Mick Squires
2nd Overall Driver – Gareth James
CoDriver - Arwel Jenkins
3rd Overall Driver – Phil Squires
CoDriver - John Millington

Category K

1st Overall Driver - Nick Elliott
CoDriver - Dave Price
2nd Overall Driver – Richard Jordan
CoDriver - Phil Clarke
3rd Overall Driver – Jason Pritchard
CoDriver - James Gratton Smith

BHRC 2 for Cars under 1600cc

1st Overall Driver - Chris Squires
CoDriver - Shaun Hughes
2nd = Overall Driver – Terry Cree, Robin Shuttleworth





CoDriver - Richard Shores, Malcolm Smithson

Class Awards

1 st In Class C2	Driver – Robin Shuttleworth
	CoDriver - Malcolm Smithson
1 st In Class C3	Driver – Phil Harris
	CoDriver - Derek Davies
1 st In Class C5	Driver – Mark Holmes
	CoDriver - Craig Simkiss
2 nd In Class C5	Driver – Phil Jobson
1 st In Class D2	Driver – Chris Squires
	CoDriver - Shaun Hughes
1 st In Class D3	Driver – David Dobson
	CoDriver - Brian Hodgson
1 st In Class D4	Driver – Ben Jemison
1 st In Class D5	Driver – Gareth James
	CoDriver - Ronan O’Neil
2 nd In Class D5	Driver – Barry Jordan
1 st In Class G2	Driver – Steve Ward
	CoDriver - Phil Sandham

Rally 2

1 st Overall	Driver - Paul Thompson
	CoDriver - Josh Davison
2 nd Overall	Driver – Steve Magson





CoDriver - Steve Bielby

Motor Club Awards Night

As announced in last newsletter the end of season and awards night will be held at CASA Hotel in Chesterfield on Saturday 3rd February 2024.

If you wish to book some discounted accommodation direct with the hotel then please use code: RACR030224, with the hotel reservation team on 01246 245999

The night is not just for award winners but for all, the dress code is smart casual.

Ticket prices for the three-course event will be £50 per person.

If you would like a ticket for the event, please email nicola@racrallychamp.org

Carlisle Stages Rally

The club once again ran a very successful Carlisle Stages Rally the original plan for this event was to bring new organisational blood on into the sport and after eleven year of doing this we have achieved the aims we set out to do and the club have now decided not to run the event in 2024.

Roger Albert Clark Rally

We would like to take this opportunity in thanking everyone involved with the event, from competitors, officials, marshals and spectators for making the 2023 edition of the event one of the best yet. Fair weather treated the majority of the event over the 5 days which showed thousands of spectators what rallying is all about.

The feedback in the motoring press and from Motorsport UK has been overwhelming.

The ceremonial start in Carmarthen had over 5000 people in attendance and the streets were literally lined with people for about half a mile this site alone was the spectacle of the event. It gave the Council what they were hoping for by allowing the visitors unrestricted views of the cars and the ability to touch them and speak





with the crews. The crews for their part joined in and talked, gave autographs and photographs to the many people around the Guildhall and I would like to thank everyone for this.

2024 Fuchs Lubricants British Historic Rally Championship

The Fuchs Lubricants British Historic Rally Championship has revealed a brand-new look to the season ahead, opting for a mixed surface calendar and the introduction of several top-quality events to the roster.

In a bid to truly reflect the British Championship marker, series promoters The Roger Albert Clark Rally Motor Club have introduced nine top-drawer events to make up the calendar, which is bolstered to 11 points scoring rounds by the introduction of two double header opportunities. The best seven scores will count towards the championship.

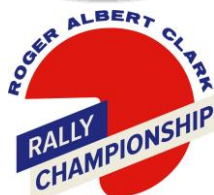
The season ahead marks a switch to a full multi-surface challenge from February to November and will continue to provide a wide range of classes for historic specification machinery, catering for competition cars registered from 1968 to 1990 including everything from Category One to FIA specification and four-wheel-drive Historic examples.

The Riponian Stages Rally will once again kick-start the season in Thirsk in February, offering classic tests in the Yorkshire forests, many with a unique feature of closed road link sections to provide a dynamic start to 2024.

Another staple of the series, Rally North Wales aims to build on its successful move to Welshpool in 2023 and continues to utilise world-class stages in the nearby forests during March, many made famous by Wales Rally GB.

New to the billing for 2024, the Rallynuts Severn Valley Stages, adds more classic Welsh stages to the calendar from its base in Builth Wells. The BHRC has a long history with the event which has been rekindled for their 50th anniversary running in 2024.

The first sealed surface event of the season will see a trip to the Isle of Man for the popular Manx Rally in May. The two-day blast across the Manx roads is a firm favourite for competitors with longer and more challenging stages than many on the mainland.





It also becomes a double header, with two points scoring opportunities during the weekend.

Staying on the asphalt, the Argyll Rally is the first of two brand-new events in the season. The two-day closed-road event on the west coast of Scotland has launched from strength to strength and offers a unique challenge for crews to test their mettle across the bumpy narrow lanes.

Returning after inclusion last year is the Tour of Epynt which is set to run as a two-day event across the infamous Epynt Military ranges in Wales. Precision driving is key to success and will mark the final asphalt round of 2024.

Back to the gravel for the remainder of the year, the Woodpecker Stages Rally will offer a superb mix of English and Welsh forest stages in September, before Trackrod Rally Yorkshire enjoys the super-fast northern forest stages in and around the Dalby complex later in the month, complete with the traditional night-time blast on the Friday.

The final round of the championship heads to Scotland for the all-new Anglo Caledonian Rally, a two-day gravel marathon event to round out the season in style. Organised by the same team responsible for the legendary Roger Albert Clark Rally, the event will also become a double header and takes the series to a thrilling climax at the end of November.

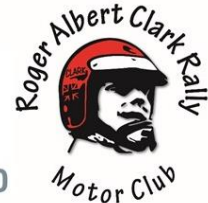
Fuchs Lubricants British Historic Rally Championship Manager Colin Heppenstall has worked extensively on the 2024 calendar.

"I`m delighted to reveal a very different look and feel to the Fuchs Lubrications British Historic Rally Championship offering for 2024," he says.

"We have tried various formats over the past few seasons, and each was a successful example, but I aim to always keep the series interesting and exciting for all. It's clear by looking at the British rallying calendar that we have some great closed-road asphalt events on offer and as the numbers continue to rise, it was only right that we take the BHRC back to a fully dual surface series.

"We have increased the points scoring rounds to 11 to give competitors much more choice for their own needs and campaigns, meaning they compete for their class or championship titles over seven rounds. This means they can choose a calendar to





suit their requirements but every one of them has unique characteristics and formats which I believe takes the championship to another level in 2024.”

1.	11 February	Riponian Stages Rally	Gravel
2.	16 March	Rally North Wales	Gravel
3.	13 April	Rallynuts Severn Valley Stages	Gravel
4.	10/11 May	Manx Rally	Asphalt (Double Header)
5.	21/22 June	Argyll Rally	Asphalt
6.	27/28 July or 3/4 August	Tour of Epynt	Asphalt
7.	7 September	Woodpecker Stages Rally	Gravel
8.	27/28 September	Trackrod Rally Yorkshire	Gravel
9.	23/24 November	Anglo Caledonian Rally	Gravel (Double Header)

The Championship will continue to run a class under the Rally 2 banner for non homologated historic two wheeled drive cars, and again for 2024 two classes have also been included for Historic 4x4 vehicles within Categories 4a and 4b.

As will all new categories of cars when they are brought into the British Historic Rally Championship and using this precedent, these vehicles will not be able to score Championship points for the overall BHRC Championship. These vehicles will compete for their own awards based on the class position and starting points system. When these cars will be eligible for overall championship points will be discussed by the committee during the year for future announcements.





Anglo Caledonian Rally

This new event will run over the 23rd / 24th November 2024 which is the club's traditional weekend for an event.

The event is offering 60 to 70 miles each day with England running on the Saturday and Scotland on the Sunday.

Outline route information should be available in late January and will be announced at the Dinner Dance. It is hoped that the event regulation will be available around Easter time.

Club Membership

This is once again due on the 1st January, the Directors have once again agreed to hold the membership fee at £15 per person for the forthcoming year.

Attached to the newsletter is the membership renewal form.

Many thanks for reading and have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Colin & Nicola

