



RACRMC Newsletter February 2025

Welcome to the February Newsletter.

Motor club and Championship Awards Night – is this Saturday 1st February

CASA Hotel in Chesterfield will once again host this year awards night.

Guests to arrive from 19.00 to 19.30 when we will be called into the main room for Dinner to be served from 20.00 hrs.

Disco is due to finish at 1.00 am.

Championship News

The first round of the Championship the Riponian Stages has received a very strong entry from the Championship, registrations and money can be paid at documentation. If you need club membership, please let Nicola know so we can do your E Membership cards. nicola@racrallychamp.org

Other Championship News

With the announcement from Motorsport UK that Rallying in Wales is cancelled until the end of April this has led the championship to see what we could do as we had lost our second and third rounds.

After discussion with Motorsport UK and as you will have probably seen the Motor Club are to organise the Kielder Carlisle Stages on Saturday 12 April based out of H&H Auctions, Borderway Mart in Carlisle to offer 50 stage miles over 5 stages, 3 single and 1 double used.

It is great to see that some of the championships that had also lost rounds will be coming to the event with the Probite British Rally Championship and the Stallantis Motosport Rally Cup.





Regulations are to be published on Monday 3rd February with Entries opening at 18.00 hrs on Monday 10th February.

Press Release



The Carlisle Stages has been included in the 2025 Fuchs Lubricants British Historic Rally Championship (BHRC) calendar. Planned for 12 April, the Carlisle-based event will form the second round of the season.

The inclusion of the event will go some way to stem the loss of two Welsh rounds towards the start of the season, Get Jerky Rally North Wales and the Severn Valley Stages, both cancelled in recent weeks due to the impact of Storm Darragh on Natural Resources Wales-managed forests.

Organised and promoted by the Roger Albert Clark Rally Motor Club, The Carlisle Stages has been scheduled to fit perfectly within the existing championship dates, running on the Severn Valley Stages original date, ensuring that the BHRC maintains a strong calendar for the season ahead.

Announced last year, the BHRC planned seven rounds, but with the loss of the Welsh forests for the first four months of the year, the tally will now be reduced to six, with five best scores to count.

The Carlisle Stages is well known to BHRC contenders, too, having hosted the final round of the series for several years, usually run in October. Its challenging tests in the daunting Kielder Forest complex are unforgiving and technical, with organisers able to offer a bumper day on the gravel, with 50 stage miles planned over five stages.





"It's been a difficult time for many events in Wales and the Championships that were due to attend the cancelled rallies," said Colin Heppenstall, British Historic Rally Championship Manager.

"Our thoughts are of course with them, and we thank them for their support of the BHRC. With two events cancelled from our seven-round calendar, we have been working very hard behind the scenes to come up with an alternative that suits our competitors in what is already a very busy year for Historic rallying. Thanks to the RACRMC, we were able to come up with a solution that offers good mileage on great stages on the right date with the return of the Carlisle Stages

"Of course, we looked at other alternatives, but this was the best all round. We are in regular communication with the Plains Rally [round three] organisers in terms of their access to the forests but for now, we are looking forward to getting our season underway at the Riponian Stages Rally in a few weeks".

Revised 2025 Fuchs Lubricants British Historic Championship Calendar

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| 1. | 9 February | Riponian Stages Rally | Gravel |
| 2. | 12 April | Carlisle Stages | Gravel |
| 3. | 17 May | Plains Rally | Gravel |
| 4. | 20/21 June | Dunoon Presents Argyll Rally | Asphalt |
| 5. | 30 August | Woodpecker Rally | Gravel |
| 6. | 26/27 September | Trackrod Rally Yorkshire | Gravel |



The Club are looking at having the regulations published for this years event towards the end of February, with entries opening in early March.

More information on this will be published via our Facebook page.

