



RACRMC Newsletter June 2025

Welcome to the June Newsletter

Championship News



Championship Points after Round 4 are now available on the Club's Web Site www.racrmc.org.

Argyll Rally - Round 4

A small entry from the championship undertook the trip to Dunoon for what turned out once again to be a great asphalt event, on the challenging roads, hopefully in 26 we will see more crews make the trip and enjoy the great atmosphere and the opportunity in driving down the Dunoon main street.

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Roger Albert Clark Rally



We have found that people are now looking at the logistics and car preparations for this years event, which has led to a number of initial entries withdrawing.

This is now giving the reserve list an opportunity to move up to full entry status subject to the next installment payment which is due at the end of July.

For those crews who wish to take advantage of the lower entry fee, this has to be paid before the end of July otherwise the entry fee raises to £5,900.

The event currently has its 200 entries plus 15 reserves who have paid the deposit and a further 15 entries who have still to become a reserve entry.

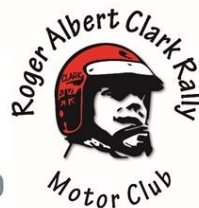


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British Historic
Rally Championship



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Rowlands clinches maiden BHRC win as Argyll Rally delivers drama on the tar



The Fuchs Lubricants British Historic Rally Championship delivered a sensational weekend of asphalt action on the west coast of Scotland [20–21 June], as the Dunoon Presents Argyll Rally served up a title-shaping episode in its role as the BHRC's sole tarmac round of the 2025 season.

After a stellar start on Friday night, it looked as though David Crossen was on course to make it three BHRC victories on the bounce. The Northern Irishman, partnered by Ben Teggart, edged out Will Rowlands by just one second over two passes of the packed Dunoon Town Centre Stage before heading into the treacherous lanes of the Cowal Peninsula under cover of darkness.

Despite the fading light and increasingly technical roads, Crossen was a force to be reckoned with, winning four of the five night stages to build a commanding 25-second advantage heading into Saturday. The Escort MKII driver looked untouchable, even with the Scottish lanes providing little margin for error.

Rowlands, though, was quietly regaining his rhythm. Contesting only his second BHRC event of the season, the Welshman was easing back into the groove with Emyr Hall alongside, and by Saturday morning, he was fired up. Right from the first stage of the day, Rowlands went on the offensive, slashing eight seconds off Crossen's lead on the opening test and continuing to chip away over the next four stages.





By the penultimate stage before service, Rowlands had brought the gap down to just four seconds, setting up a thrilling climax between the two Escort MKIIs. Sadly, the duel would end not on the stages, but beside them. Crossen was heartbreakingly forced to retire before the start of the Whistlefield stage with mechanical issues, ending his charge and handing the advantage to Rowlands.

From there, Rowlands managed the remainder of the event to claim his first-ever BHRC overall and Category 3 [cars registered between 1975 and 1981] win, a well-earned reward on his comeback season.

Paul Thompson and Josh Davison kept out of trouble in their Escort MKII to secure a fine second place overall and in Category 3, despite Thompson's lack of recent asphalt mileage. Third went to Nick Kitching and Josh Carr, who enjoyed a strong Scottish run to round out the podium.

In Category 4 [cars registered between 1982 and 1990], it was a weekend to remember for newcomers John Marshall and Craig Wallace, who guided their eye-catching BMW M3 to their maiden class win. They overcame tough competition from series stalwarts Barry Jordan and Arwel Jenkins, who had led for much of the event in their Mitsubishi Galant VR4 before slipping to second. Paul Clayton and Veera Johnson brought their Peugeot 205 GTi home in third, adding more valuable points to their championship campaign.

Category 2 [cars registered between 1968 and 1975] saw sole entrants Drew Struthers and Iain Thorburn sadly retire their Hillman Avenger after the Street Stage after an under-bonnet fire.

With several major contenders sitting out the Argyll Rally, the results have significantly affected the BHRC points standings.

The absence of joint leader Adam Milner has opened the door for Barry Jordan to increase the lead gap, thanks to points being multiplied by 1.5 in Scotland, and with just two rounds remaining, the title fight is reaching a pivotal point in the season.

The BHRC now enters its summer break before attention turns back to gravel for the Woodpecker Rally in August.



