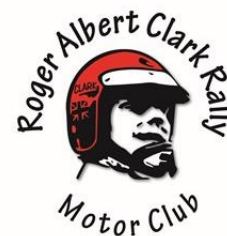


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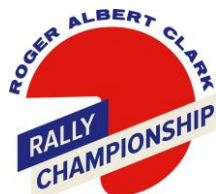
## RACRMC Newsletter No3

Welcome to the April Club Newsletter.

Over the last month lots has happened from the great start to the MSA British Historic Rally Championship with 53 registered crews starting Rally North Wales, to the clubs new Rally 2WD Challenge registering 13 crews which for this new initiative is a great start. With the Pirelli International Rally running in two weeks, current entry levels show 74 historic and 2wd vehicles entered the event and once again this will be a great display of these vehicles to both the spectators and marshals out on the event.

Regulations and Entries have opened for the club's own event the ATL Carlisle Stages on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> June, and entries are being received, for this joint round of the MSA BHRC as well as the BTRDA Rally Series and offers the MSA BHRC and Rally2WD Challenge crews 23 miles on Friday night then 21 miles on Saturday morning having first use of the forest roads with the BTRDA Series crews. The forest conditions are in great shape as we are the only club to use the forest and will make ideal running for the 2WD crews.

Next week sees the opening round of the Clubs Historic Asphalt Rally Championship on Rally Salamandre after the snow at Bovington forced the postponement of the opening round to the 11/12 August, Rally Salamandre has 9 entries of club members entered which once again is a great start for the forthcoming season.



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Discussions have already started with the MOD on route options for next year's Roger Albert Clark Rally in and around Wales, and it is hoped that another two forest stages will be able to be offered to crews on the Friday element of the event which will be running 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019, a deposit scheme will once again be open for entries and this will go live in July.

Colin & Nicola Heppenstall

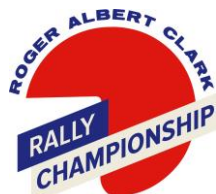
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### **Awesome opener for BHRC on Rally North Wales**

Nick Elliott and Dave Price got the **FUCHS LUBRICANTS** MSA British Historic Rally Championship off to a fantastic start on Rally North Wales (Saturday 24 March) with a mighty historic victory at the head of a tremendous field.

As well as being the first of eight BHRC rounds, Rally North Wales was also the first round of the BHRC Forest Challenge, supported by **Rally and Competition Equipment**, and the opening event for the new BHRC2, supported by **Sherwood Engines**. A sensational field lined up for the BHRC opener and there was tremendous competition across all classes.

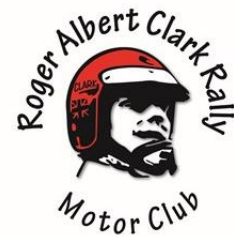
Elliott and Price (Ford Escort Mk2) threw a marker down on the opening test of six top quality stages in the Dyfi complex and took a lead they would never lose. However, they had a big rival on that opening stage as the BRM-powered Hillman Avenger of Ieuan Rowlands and Emyr Hall was believed to have finished the stage



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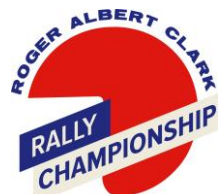
within four seconds of Elliott. Sadly Rowlands went out on stage two with distributor problems.

However, Elliott could never relax as Marty McCormack/Phil Clarke and Paul Barrett/Dai Roberts kept up the chase. At the halfway point, Ryan Barrett and Paul McCann were even closer to Elliott but a broken diff ended their rally on stage four. Instead, Ryan's elder brother Paul was getting quicker and quicker in his fresh car and ended the rally just two seconds down on McCormack. But another overall historic victory and a win in the **Rally and Competition Equipment** Category 3 went to Elliott.

A good day for Steve Bennett and Osian Owen netted fifth behind the non-registered Osian Pryce, despite losing a place back to Pryce when they knocked a tyre off the rim on the final stage. Alan Walker and John Connor battled all day with a misfire, but rounded out the top six after a friendly battle with Simon Webster/Jez Rogers, while James Slaughter/James Whitaker had a good day in eighth overall despite a steering rack issue before service.

An amazing performance from Adam Milner and Roy Jarvis (1600cc Ford Escort Mk1) claimed overall spoils in the **Skipton Ford** Category 2 (see below). Meanwhile Barry Jordan and Paul Wakely had a good day to win class C3 in their Hillman Avenger while Chris Skill and Tom Murphy (Ford Escort Mk1) topped class C5 with Mark Holmes/Craig Simkiss and Chris Browne/Ali Cornwell-Browne chasing hard.

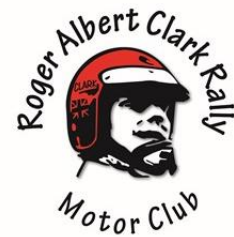
Class D3 produced another of the drives of the rally as Stuart Egglestone and Brian



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Hodgson claimed a superb victory in their Pinto-powered Escort Mk2. Over the first three stages Egglestone had to push hard to fend off Josh Browne/Jane Edgington and Ben Friend/Cliffy Simmons. Egglestone headed the young chargers by 10 seconds at service but then had an easier afternoon as Browne retired at service with an oil leak and Friend suffered a final stage engine failure.

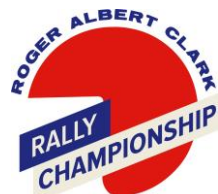
### **BHRC2 supported by Sherwood Engines**

Rally North Wales was the first round of the new BHRC2, supported by Sherwood Engines, which has been created to turn the spotlight on the **REIS** Category 1 (pre-1968) and all other up to 1600cc cars in the championship.

Well over 20 cars lined up for the inaugural round of BHRC2 and it was the class C2 Escort Mk1 of Milner/Jarvis that set an outrageous pace to take a place in the overall top 10. However, they had a late worry when a loose oil union was found going into the second run of Gartheiniog. It all held together and Milner went seventh fastest through the nine-mile stage.

The amazing Bob Bean headed the strong Category 1 field. Fresh from his 80th birthday, Bob and new co-driver Miles Cartwright were mighty in their Ford Lotus Cortina and showed hallmark pace to win the category overall.

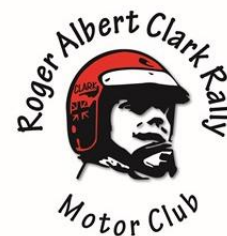
Other class winners in Category 1 were Malcolm Rich/Arwel Blainey (Ford Anglia) and Rikki Proffitt/Graham Wild (Porsche 911). The Porsche crew struggled with a misfire but went clear once 911 rival Dessie Nutt left his car teetering on the edge of a big drop at the flying finish of the first stage.



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### **BHRC Rally North Wales award winners announced**

The special award winners from the opening round of the 2018 FUCHS LUBRICANTS MSA British Historic Rally Championship, Rally North Wales (Saturday 24 March), have been announced.

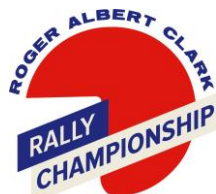
Ken Davies and Alan Jones collected the award for the 'Best Improvement on Seeding', which is a set of axle brake pads from Mintex. They had a good run in their Volvo Amazon to finish 43rd among the historic finishers.

The 'Spirit of the Rally' product award from Fuchs Lubricants went to Paul Barrett and Dai Roberts who finished third overall despite a frantic rush to get their freshly built Ford Escort Mk2 to the rally. The car was just ready in time to be driven onto the Dublin-Holyhead ferry on Thursday night and then suffered clutch problems during a shakedown test on Friday morning.

Finally, Adam Milner won the 'Hard Charger' award of a 20-litre jerry can from Green Valley Industrial Supplies. Milner and co-driver Roy Jarvis turned in a spectacular performance to win Category 2 in their 1600cc Ford Escort Mk1 and finish in the top 10 overall against far more powerful cars.

### **2018 ATL Carlisle Stages is released**

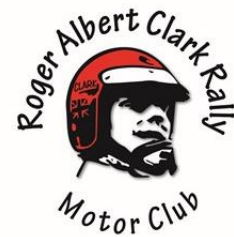
The 2018 ATL Carlisle Stages regulations have been launched today and entries have now opened for the Roger Albert Clark Motor Clubs event, which will run to a new format in the forests of Kershope and Newcastleton on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2018.



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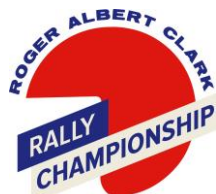
The event welcome's the Fuchs Lubricants MSA British Historic Rally Championship competitors to the event for the first time using a hybrid of the new Rally 2WD format. This part of the event will be for 2WD vehicles only, and the event also welcomes the Motorscope Northern Historic and Rally2WD Challenge competitors to this split Friday evening 23 mile element, which then concludes on Saturday morning for a further 21 miles of single use stages aligned with the BTRDA Crews with a noon finish.

The event also would like to welcome back the BTRDA Rally Series and MAXXIS MSA English Rally Championship contenders to the 43 mile event on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June which has less than 9 miles of double usage and offers great forest conditions to all crews.

Clerk of Course Nicola Heppenstall said: "We have worked hard to provide both main Championships a unique experience while offering great road conditions to both sets of competitors in these two great forest complexes with very little double usage." Nicola continued "It is great to be able to welcome the two main championships in the UK to the event and hope that everybody enjoys this new experience and event format."

The event based from H&H Auctions in Carlisle is sponsored by ATL Warehouse and Logistics from Carlisle and the organisers are grateful for their support towards the event.

For more information about the 2018 ATL Carlisle Stages are available from <http://racmc.org/carlisle-stages/home>



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