

RACRMC Newsletter No5

Welcome to the September Newsletter.

As the school holidays are now over and we head towards the end of the season, planning for the 2019 Championship calendar is well on its way.

As you are aware the forthcoming Rally Isle of Man has been cancelled by the organisers and a lot of fall out is happening on the island between the various government departments and the event organisers.

From a championship perspective we are very disappointed that the event is not running as the event counted for two rounds of both our major Championships and has spoilt what was going to be a great crescendo to the 2018 season.

However, using the Championship regulations for the BHRC now the best 4 scores count with one event to go the Trackrod Rally, Paul Barratt cannot be beaten having won the Pirelli and Red Kite rallies, with a second on Harry Flatters and third on North Wales.

The Championship congratulates Paul on his great success.

All Category and Class awards are still up for grabs on the Trackrod Rally so please get your entry in.

This has also effected the RACRMC Asphalt Championship as well, with the best 4 scores to count before heading to the last round the Jersey Rally. The Championship is very close with Simon Tysoe on 135 and David Kynaston on 130 so will go down the wire.

Towards the end of the month we will be announcing the initial event details for the Roger Albert Clark Rally 2019 so keep your eyes open.

Colin & Nicola Heppenstall

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News from Trackrod Rally Yorkshire 2018

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Entries build for 2018 Trackrod Rally Yorkshire

Entries are building well for the Trackrod Rally Yorkshire (September 28/29), the final round of the Jordan Road Surfacing BTRDA Rally Series, the MAXXIS MSA English Rally Championship and FUCHS Lubricants MSA British Historic Rally Championship.

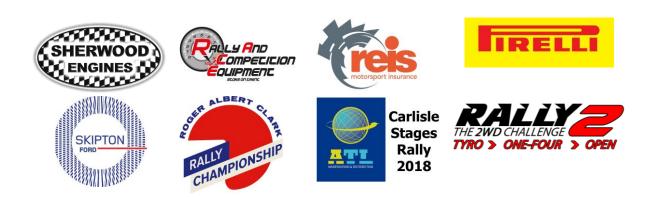
Following the penultimate round of the BTRDA Rally Series, the Woodpecker Stages on 1 September, and the unfortunate cancellation of Rally Isle of Man, the Trackrod organisers are expecting high demand for entries over the coming two weeks.

Rally Yorkshire comprises two events: the Trackrod Historic Cup covering approximately 57 competitive miles, and the Trackrod Forest Stages, with a competitive route of around 45 miles.

The FUCHS Lubricants MSA British Historic Rally Championship and Rally2 cars will have a rare opportunity to tackle a gravel rally covering more than the normal 45 stage miles, with a total route of 57 good quality single-use stages in a compact route with central servicing within the forest complex.

On Saturday morning the historic section of the field will be joined by a wide range of competitors from the Jordan Road Surfacing BTRDA Rally Series and the MAXXIS MSA English Rally Championship. There will be no double use stages and Saturday's route in Dalby will be different to the stage used by the historic event on Friday evening.

"Everything is looking good for the Trackrod," said Clerk of the Course Rod Parkin. "We look forward to entries from regular championship contenders as well as crews who want to take a rare chance to tackle the famous Yorkshire forests. There will be a warm welcome in Filey at the end of the month."





Rally Isle of Man Cancelled

Rally Isle of Man (13-15 September), which was to form rounds six and seven of the 2018 **FUCHS LUBRICANTS MSA British Historic Rally Championship**, has been cancelled by the event organisers.

The BHRC will now run over six rounds, with the sixth and final round on the Trackrod Rally (28/29 September). Competitors will now count their best four scores from the six events for final championship positions and the changes mean that Paul Barrett is confirmed as British Historic Rally champion for 2018. However, the co-drivers' title will only be settled on the final round, the Trackrod Rally at the end of September.

In addition, major category awards and the destiny of the new BHRC2 category, for Category 1 and 1600cc cars, will be decided in the Yorkshire forests on what is always one of the most popular rallies of the season.

BHRC manager Colin Heppenstall said that the cancellation of Rally Isle of Man was a significant blow to both the BHRC and the Fuchs RACRMC Historic Asphalt Rally Championship.

"It is disappointing that Rally Isle of Man has been cancelled with the difficulties that the organisers have been encountering with the local government," said Heppenstall. "We had nearly 30 crews going over to the island to support the event. I wish the organisers well for the future and hope they can resolve the situation in future years."

