



## RACRMC Newsletter October 2022

### Welcome to the October Newsletter

Firstly, I would like to apologise for the lack of Newsletters this year, after having some health issues early in the year I never really got back on top of everything to get these written then organisation of the Carlisle Stages needed doing. Anyway, normal attention to these has been sorted moving forwards and you should start to receive regular updates.

### Carlisle Stages

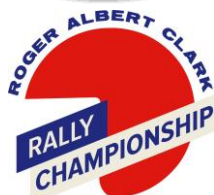
73 Crews undertook this years Carlisle Stages on a wet mild day. The Stage conditions held up very well and the crews commented how good these were all day.

The national event was won by Henri Grehan and Dan Petrie, taking this years Fuchs Lubricants Motorsport UK British Historic Rally Championship, and Elliott Payne and Patrick Walsh winning the Interclub section.

### Fuchs Lubricants Motorsport UK British Historic Rally Championship

69 Crews have competed on this year's Championship, and I would like to thank each and every one of you for making this years championship the success it was.

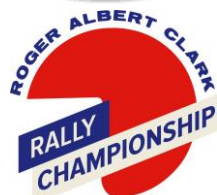
As you are aware the title came down to the last road for both the overall, Category 2 and 3 places.





Draft Championship Final Positions are:

	Driver	CoDriver
<b>Overall Championship</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Henri Grehan	Daniel Petrie
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Matt Edwards	Hamish Campbell
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Robert Gough	Jamie Gratton-Smith
<b>Category</b>		
<b>Category 1</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Bob Bean	Mike Curry
<b>Category 2</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Chris Skill	Garry Green
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Warren Philiskirk	Richard Wardle
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Josh Carr	Brian Hodgson
<b>Category 3</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Matt Edwards	Hamish Campbell
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Robert Gough	Cliffy Simmons
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Richard Jordon	Kevin Jones
<b>FIA</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	Rudi Lancaster	Guy Weaver
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Simon Crook	Alister Crook
<b>Class</b>		
C2	Ian Beverage	Paul Price
C3	Josh Carr	Richard Wardle
C5	Warren Philiskirk	Brian Hodgson
D2	Dave Hopkins	
D3	Neil James	Kevin Jones





D5	Robert Gough	Hamish Campbell
G2	Simon Crook	Alister Crook

A couple of people have asked about dropped scores on the points tables, in the regulations for the 2022 Championship, dropped scores was only for the overall positions and did not effect the Category or Class award positions.

### Championship / Motor Clubs Awards Night

This year's awards night will be on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at Casa Hotel, Chesterfield.

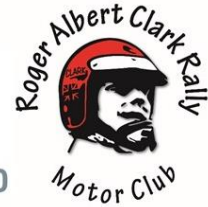
After a couple of years away from the venue we have decided to return to where we have had a superb evening of Food, Dance and a few awards presented previously.

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 £45 per person.

Accommodation can be booked directly with the hotel reservation team on 01246 245999 at a rate of £115 for a Deluxe double room quoting reference RACR280123 or email [reservations@casahotels.co.uk](mailto:reservations@casahotels.co.uk)





## 2023 Club Championship Details

As final contract negotiation as still ongoing with Motorsport UK for the next three years for the British Historic Rally Championship. The club are pleased to announce that next year's Championship will be:

12 February 2023	Riponian Rally
25 March	Rally North Wales
20 May	Plains Rally
5–6 August 2023	Tour of Epynt
9 September	Woodpecker
22-23 September	Trackrod Rally
20-21 October	Carlisle Stages

Recent press release:

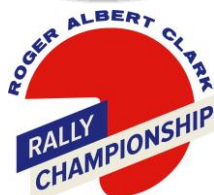
**The Fuchs Lubricants British Historic Rally Championship will crown its 2022 champions at this weekend's Carlisle Stages Rally [22 October].**

After five action-packed rounds of the season so far, the coveted title will be decided over six stages in the English and Scottish Borders as Kielder Forest hosts the thrilling concluding chapter of the year.

It's been a stellar fight for top honours but just two drivers will be in-line to engrave their name on the BHRC trophy as all eyes will be on the battle between Matt Edwards in his FIAT 131 Abarth and Ford Escort MKII ace Henri Grehan.

Heading into the weekend it's Grehan in the pound seat as he and co-driver Dan Petrie enjoy a 26-point lead in the series. However, with dropped scores and bonus points for starting to be factored in, there is still a chance for Edwards to make history with a back-to-back BRC and BHRC crown.

Simply put, Edwards and co-driver Hamish Campbell must win in Carlisle regardless. But if Grehan finishes fourth or higher, then he will seal the deal. Nail-biting stuff.





Three-time British champion Edwards has hauled his FIAT to the top step of the BHRC three times this season but a non-score on the Woodpecker Rally has dented his title charge. Meanwhile, Grehan has been ultra-consistent and whilst only taking the one win, on his home rally in Ludlow, his points tally has enabled him to set his sights on a maiden Historic crown.

Standing in their way are tricky, fast, and flowing stages in the legendary Kielder Forest complex and arguably Edwards' knowledge of the tests is greater than Grehan's. Nevertheless, the battle lines are drawn and the race for top spot will be an interesting watch.

Outside of the title fight, Nick Elliott and Dave Price suffered technical issues in their FIAT 131 last time out at Trackrod Rally Yorkshire and will be looking for redemption in Carlisle as they look to secure a positive result for their new machine.

Robert Gough and Sam Collis also endured a nightmare in Yorkshire and will be looking to secure a good result to round out the season in their Ford Escort MKII but will have the returning Adrian Hetherington and Ronan O'Neill chasing them down in their similar example.

Richard Jordan secured fourth place at the Trackrod with James Gratton Smith alongside and could well bag a podium in their newly built Escort MK11 as they continue to improve. Baz Wheeler and John Pickavance could better their championship position with a good score this weekend, also piloting an Escort.

There are Category honours at stake as well as the BHRC title this weekend. It's likely to be a three-way battle for the Category Two [cars between 1968-1975] crown between Chris Skill, Warren Philliskirk and Josh Carr.

It's Skill how has two wins so far, but he skipped the Riponian so cannot afford another zero score in Carlisle. Carr and Philliskirk have been consistent all season, so it will be a points gathering exercise for all three Ford Escort MK1 pilots in the forests.

Bob Bean and Mike Curry have already sown up the Category One [cars up to 1968] title but will head out in their Lotus Cortina to enjoy the final championship round of the season. In the FIA Category K class, Rudi Lancaster will likely seal the crown without even attending, as nearest challenger Simon Crook has yet to place an entry for the weekend.

