



# CHAMPIONSHIP BULLETIN No 3 – April 2010.

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The second round of the Silverstone Competition Tyres BTRDA Rally Series, the **Malcolm Wilson Rally**, was its usual challenging self and, especially in the light of recent events in the Lake District, we would like to thank all the organisers, officials and marshals for their efforts in providing us with such a good event.

Congratulations to the winners of the BTRDA Goblets who, on this occasion, were **Steve Perez / Paul Spooner** (Gold Star) **Tom Watson** and **Jonny Evans** (Silver Star) and **Matt Edwards / Sam Collis** (Millers 1400). **Matt & Sam** were also the leading MG ZR Rally Challenge crew.

## MSA ENGLISH RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

At this early stage in the season we have a tie at the top of the MSA English Rally Championship table with 1400 chargers **Darren Pinchin** and **Matt Edwards** battling it out with both now on with 48 points. In third place 5 points behind, is 2009 English Champion **Jon Ballinger** but he is being pursued by **Tom Watson** and **Callum Black** who are both on 42 points.

There will be lots of twists and turns in fortune before all of the Championships are settled at the end of the season.

## FORTHCOMING CHAMPIONSHIP EVENTS



The next championship event is the **BETTA Somerset Stages** on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April where we are promised a sunny spring day on the beautiful Brendon Hills on the edge of Exmoor National Park. The stages are in prime condition for what should be another challenging event. The event will again include two consecutive runs up the exciting Porlock Toll Road, with service before and after the stages. Competitors in the Millers Oils BTRDA 1400 Championship should note that there are no specific tyre requirements on asphalt stages such as Porlock,

The event also has an on-line entry system and many of the leading Championship competitors have already entered. Entry forms can also be downloaded from the event website - [www.somersetstagesrally.com](http://www.somersetstagesrally.com). Please don't delay, and if you have not done so get your entry in as soon as a possible. (See Late Entries article below)  
The Entries Secretary: Katie House. Email: [entries@somersetstagesrally.com](mailto:entries@somersetstagesrally.com). Tel: 0845 095 1381.

Regulations are also now available for the **Plains Rally** on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May. The event will be based in Welshpool and using stages the very challenging but exciting stages of Hafren, Dyfi and Gartheiniog. Entries can be made via the on-line entry system at [www.plainsrally.co.uk](http://www.plainsrally.co.uk).



## AGX TEAM CHALLENGE

The AGX Team Challenge has the grand sum of £1,050 to be given away to the top three teams at the end of the year. All drivers are encouraged to join in a three car team. The current list of 15 teams in the 2010 AGX Team Challenge has now been published on the Championship web site.

**There is still time to add more teams but the deadline is 23rd April.** Each team needs 3 drivers - one must be in the Millers 1400 or MG ZR Challenge or BTRDA Rally First, and only one can be in a 4 wheel drive car. A driver can only be a member of one team. Please submit any suggestions to [howard@btrdarally.com](mailto:howard@btrdarally.com).

The early leaders are:-

<b>Almost Famous</b>	<b>James Grint / Tom Watson / Martyn Lewis</b>	<b>55</b>
<b>LL.. ...</b>	<b>Hugh Hunter / Matt Edwards / Sion Matthews</b>	<b>53</b>
<b>Friends of the M5</b>	<b>Tristan Bailey / Paul Bonner / Darren Pinchin</b>	<b>52</b>



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## MINTEX / QUESTMEAD BONUS SCHEME

The winners of the Mintex Awards on the Malcolm Wilson Rally, each of whom receive a voucher for a set of FREE competition brake pads from Questmead Ltd were:-

Best Improvement on Start Number in GS / SS Championships: **Gary Cooper (Class B13)**

Best Improvement on Start Number in the Millers1400/MG/RF section: **Tony Simpson (Class 1.4L)**



MINTEX are represented on all events by Alan Brown of Questmead, who will be happy to supply any advice or product information you require. Contact Alan at Questmead on Tel: 01706 860088.

## TECHNICAL ISSUES

1. The March issue of the 'MSA Scrutineers' Bulletin' contained a reminder that vehicle number plates on Rally Cars must be "legally" displayed at all times" and should be presented as per the Competition Car Log Book.
2. There was also a reminder that Construction and Use Regulations require "a Parking Brake to be capable of being maintained in operation by direct mechanical action only. To comply with the Construction and Use Regulations, the mechanical linkage must be operational and work independently of any hydraulic system".

## HOLFELD PUMPS - Rally First Finishers Awards



Another of our generous sponsors is Holfeld Pumps whose aim is to encourage crews to participate on Rally First events and to assist in this are providing a £20 finishers award to every Rally First driver. These awards will be paid in cash at the start of the next Rally First event that

the driver enters in 2010 which means that a consistent Rally First driver can earn up to £120 in finishers awards during the season. So if you finished the Wydean there will be **£20** waiting for you all at the BTRDA desk at the Somerset Stages.

## SILVERSTONE COMPETITION TYRES – Supporting the BTRDA Rally Series



For information and advice about Silverstone Competition Tyres contact Jerry or James. Tel: **01704 898940**. Website: [www.serviceandsport.com](http://www.serviceandsport.com) Email: [info@serviceandsport.com](mailto:info@serviceandsport.com). Although they carry a wide range of competition tyres for each event it is strongly recommended that competitors pre book their tyre requirements.

On event contact is 07789 392080 or 07789 392236.

## MILLERS OILS BTRDA 1400 CHAMPIONSHIP

Millers Oils support is shared by all the drivers who each receive a **£50 Millers Oils voucher** at their first event and a **further £50 Millers Oils voucher** for each driver at the start of their fourth championship event. This can be exchanged for 5 litres of Synthetic Competition Engine Oil / Synthetic Competition Transmission Oil / 10 CVL bottles.

In addition, all drivers in the Millers Oils BTRDA 1400 Championship will receive **£20 Finishers Awards** which will be paid in cash at the start of the next Championship event the driver enters in the 2010 season, so a consistent driver can earn up to **£140** during the season. So if you finished the Malcolm Wilson there will be **£20** waiting for you all at the BTRDA desk at the Somerset Stages.

One of the exciting new prizes for one of the Millers Oils BTRDA 1400 Championship crews will be a trip for two people to the 2011 Malaysian GP as the guests of Silverstone Tyres and Service & Sport.



Millers Oils products are not just for 1400 competitors and on-event support man Simon Morton is there for everyone needing Millers Oils products and advice. Simon can be contacted on: Tel: 01925 752 819(w), 07711 483828(m), E-mail: [moilsltd@aol.com](mailto:moilsltd@aol.com). Details of all the Millers specialist Motorsport lubricants can be found at [www.millersoils.net](http://www.millersoils.net).

## ON EVENT FUEL SUPPLIER / REFUEL ZONES



Vital Equipment Ltd, will be at all BTRDA Championship events in 2010. The company can supply both Carless FIA spec 102 octane race fuel (Carless Turbo Ultimate) and a quality Super Unleaded fuel (MSA compliant) in a refuel zone before and during each event. Their contact details are, Email: [www.vitalequipment.co.uk](http://www.vitalequipment.co.uk). Fuel Order Line is 01981 241169 – talk to Phil.

The BTRDA encourages all competitors to take advantage of this facility. The use of an on-event refuel service improves safety for competitors and their support teams by removing the need for fuel to be carried around in cans etc. Fuel can be arranged in advance so that there is no need to source or transport your own supply. You are also assured of receiving a consistent quality fuel. Extra time is allowed in the event schedule to use the refuel zone. You won't believe how easy it is until you try it!

## CHAMPIONSHIP DECALS

These will be available at the BTRDA signing on desk but if you prefer to put them on prior to the event please contact Steve Gregg ([steve@btrdarally.com](mailto:steve@btrdarally.com) Tel **01746 765368**) and they will be posted out to you. Please ensure they are fitted in accordance with the Championship regulations. An information sheet is available on the website or from the Championship Co-ordinators.

Can we thank all the competitors that are correctly displaying the Championship decals on the events. Please continue to work with us and our Championship Sponsors because their support is essential for the continued success of the Championship.



## LATE ENTRIES

Over the last couple of years we have noted there has been an increasing trend for competitors to enter events later and later. Whilst there are many reasons for this, event organisers advise that it is now having a detrimental effect on event planning and costs. For example, events have to make estimates for printing etc 3 or 4 weeks before the event and are reducing print runs on road books / rally plates etc to save money, only for a late rush of entries to necessitate a costly second print run. Likewise time schedules and even stages are being 'adjusted' to suit a reduced entry only to be changed again when the event receives a significant number of late entries.

The uncertainty over competitor entries is also having a detrimental affect on the recruitment of marshals who may be unwilling to commit until they are sure there is going to be a worthwhile entry. Promotion and publicity of the events and competitors is also affected because of incomplete or changes to entry lists as well as needing to seed and fit in late entries.

A number of events are introducing on-line entry systems and a greater range of payment options so if you are entering an event please don't leave it to the closing date unless it is absolutely necessary.

## CHAMPIONSHIP ELIGIBILITY SCRUTINEERING

As part of any Championship procedures we need to carry out checks of vehicles to ensure that they comply with the Championship regulations. The purpose of this is not to try and catch anyone out but is simply to reassure everyone that they are competing on equal terms with everybody else. We would much prefer to say to you that a car is legal and that reflects far better on you and the Championship than finding there is a problem with a car. Vehicles are selected at random for eligibility scrutineering but inevitably those winning cars or those from a small group may be checked more frequently.

Just a few reminders to be aware of if you are asked to attend pre or post-event eligibility scrutineering:

- You must go straight to the designated scrutineering venue and not go back to your service crew.
- Where applicable you MUST carry an original set (no photocopies) of homologation papers with you at all times. Simply not having them in the competing car is sufficient to fail the car.
- Any work required by the scrutineer to the car to check its eligibility must be carried out by the competitors or their service crew.

## SMS RESULTS SERVICE

The SMS Results Service is now an established part of providing results on BTRDA events. This service will be of interest to competitors, spectators, management teams, service crews and relatives wanting to keep up to date with your progress. Go to [http://www.nersresults.co.uk/sms/html/events\\_index.html](http://www.nersresults.co.uk/sms/html/events_index.html) where you can pre-order and pay by card or Pay Pal. Alternatively you can order / pay at the BTRDA desk during signing on.

## CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

### *Championship Signing On*

Please don't forget to come and see us at the BTRDA Championship signing-on desk on each event to declare your eligibility for championship points. This is separate from 'signing on' for the event itself. The Championship Registration Desk will be located at 'signing on' throughout.

BTRDA have purchased a quantity of environmental spill kits which are available at the BTRDA desk at the cost price of £6.00. The kits contains 2 absorbent spill pads, 2 pairs of protective gloves, selection of hand wipes plus a disposal bag and tie. These are contained in a clear plastic A3 sized self sealing bag and weigh approx 250gms.

The Championship web sites [www.btrdarally.com](http://www.btrdarally.com) and [www.englishrally.co.uk](http://www.englishrally.co.uk) contains all the official Championship bulletins, news, links to all the events and the latest Championship positions / points. It is also the location for **LIVE EVENT RESULTS** during events so that your friends and family can keep an eye on your performance.

The latest championship points can be viewed on [www.btrdarally.com](http://www.btrdarally.com) and [www.englishrally.co.uk](http://www.englishrally.co.uk). Any queries should be addressed to the BTRDA Championship Co-ordinators within seven days of this bulletin date.

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