

Championship newsletter: 11/2014 – 23 July 2014

## Welcome

Welcome to championship newsletter number 11 for the 2014 **West Wales Rally Spares R.A.C. Rally Championship**.

The main purpose of this newsletter is to give everyone a reminder to get your entries in for round six, the **Zutec Neath Valley Stages** (Saturday 9 August). There is already a strong entry coming together, but we'd certainly like to see more registered contenders added to the list. So, please do get your entry in as soon as possible, as this helps organisers with their final planning.

This is the latest update from clerk of the course, Den Golding:  
"I checked all the stages last week before Pattersons came over to make the note. They are all in prime condition, having not been used since last year's Neath Valley. The Margam jump will not be used this year (it was a bit rough on landing). Instead, cars will be diverted to the left of the jump as will be shown in the road book and route notes."

The report from Pattersons is that the stages being used on the Neath Valley are the best quality stages they have seen this year.

Event sponsor John Leahy has organised a **test session** at Walters Arena on the Friday morning (8am to 12 noon) before the rally (8 August). See further down this newsletter for more details.

Plans are also well underway for the seventh and final round, the **Trackrod Historic Cup** (Friday/Saturday 26/27 September). The Trackrod team has worked hard to deliver an excellent value for money event with some stages in the darkness of Friday evening.

I am pleased to say everything is moving forward very well in relation to the Roger Albert Clark Rally Motor Club running the **MSA British Historic Rally Championship** for five years, starting in 2015. Although we are not yet in a position to make any more announcements, a lot of work is going on behind the scenes and I am confident that we will deliver a championship that suits the great majority of historic competitors.



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Best regards

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## End of season awards' night

We are delighted to confirm that the date for the end of season awards celebration has been set as Saturday 25 October at the Casa Hotel in Chesterfield. The event was such a success last year that it was a very easy decision to return to the same venue.

We have block booked a number of rooms for R.A.C. contenders and when booking please use code: RACR251014. These rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis. There is a Premier Inn is across the road for those on a smaller budget. For details of the hotel and contact information, please visit [www.casahotels.co.uk](http://www.casahotels.co.uk)

## Round six: Zutec Neath Valley Stages

Once again, the Zutec Neath Valley Stages on Saturday 9 August will be the only event to use the superb stages in Rheola, Bryn and Margam as previously used on Wales Rally GB and the stages are again in prime condition having not been used since last year's rally.

The event offers 45 stage miles in six stages for an entry fee of £475 and the format will be very similar to last year's hugely successful rally. The action will start just two miles from rally HQ with a nine-mile stage in Rheola. After a 20-minute service will be eight miles in Bryn and five miles in Margam. After a 40-minute service, the route is repeated. The first historic car will start at 9am and be back at the finish by 3.30pm.

Regs are now available at [www.neathvalleystages.co.uk](http://www.neathvalleystages.co.uk)



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## Neath Valley shakedown and test stage

John Leahy has arranged a shakedown and test stage for Friday 8 August at Walters Arena, only a couple of miles from rally HQ for the Neath Valley Stages. It will run from 8am to 12 noon on a good quality two-mile stage and up to 10 places are available. Several leading crews are already booked in and the final price will depend upon numbers. For more details, please call John on 07838 777114.

## Round seven: the Trackrod Rally Yorkshire

Trackrod Rally Yorkshire 2014 again includes the popular Trackrod Historic Cup. The event welcomes competitors from The West Wales Rally Spares RAC Rally Championship.

The whole event this year will be based at the Pickering Showground on the weekend of 26/27 September, accommodating Rally HQ, Friday scrutineering and documentation, in addition to the central service area. Servicing of vehicles will take place after a maximum 20 competitive forests miles and therefore management vehicles will not be allowed. Road mileage will also be kept to a minimum.

Scrutineering for all competitors will take place on the Friday afternoon, before one or two night stages in the North Yorkshire Forests. Total competitive mileage of approximately 55 miles is planned for the complete event.

After two stages on Friday night, starting at 7pm and totaling 18 miles, (there will be no parc fermé on Friday night), competitors will then restart on Saturday from Pickering Showground from approximately 8.30am, with the first car due back at the finish at The Showground at approximately 2pm. There will a dedicated Awards Ceremony taking place as soon after the last car has finished the event as possible.

To keep people occupied at the showground, there will be displays and trade stands on hand as well as a six-seater rally simulator. The organisers hope that service crews will try their hand at this for a nominal fee and then see if the competing crew can beat it when they return.

Rally Guide 1 is now available for download:

[http://www.trackrodmotorclub.co.uk/images/Files/Rally%20Yorkshire/2014-Rally\\_Guide\\_1.pdf](http://www.trackrodmotorclub.co.uk/images/Files/Rally%20Yorkshire/2014-Rally_Guide_1.pdf)

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