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Dunlop/WONAGO MSA British Historic Rally Championship – August 2011

The Water End Properties Asphalt Cup got underway with Brecon Motor Club's Harry Flatters Historic Rally on the last day of July. It marked the return of Connor Corkill to the championship, university end of year exams safely out of the way. With Mark Perryman sitting with him, he headed the Category 3 field on the Harry Flatters with the Ford Escort RS1800. The Manxmen soon became embroiled in a battle with Category 2 favourites David Stokes and Guy Weaver in their Ford Escort RS1600. An early spin for Stokes left him with a fight back, but the two generations of Escorts were never separated by more than seven seconds and, as they went into the last stage, the gap was only 0.3 seconds. On the dry, fast roads from Dixies to the end of the New Road, 40 years' worth of experience won the day (taking a further 4.9 seconds back) but it was a very happy foursome that made the speeches in the Brecon Theatre after the rally.

The Harry Flatters rally was a very well received event. Seven stages totalled eighty stage miles over the Epynt Ranges, including two short tests that used the Concrete Road, a section of stage not used for some 20 years. There were chicanes, but these were not impossibly tight and broke up otherwise flat out sections of road and meant that there was always something to do! Many of the range's roads have been recently surfaced so surfaces were smooth. Even the weather was hospitable. With friendly organisation, a low entry fee and the whole thing fitting neatly into one weekend, crews attending spoke highly of their experience.

The late closing date for entries for the Historic tRally Ulster (Round 5 of the Dunlop / WONAGO – MSA British Historic Rally Championship and Round 2 of the Water End Properties Asphalt Cup) has just passed and a healthy field of 48 cars are

on the board (at 3rd August) including over 30 from the BHRC. As ever, this event's very professional website is full of information - www.ulsterrally.com The seeded entry lists will go up there soon. Entries look strong across all the fields of this event. It looks as if we were not the only group to thoroughly enjoy the 2010 Ulster Rally!

The regs for the Accent.jobs Historic Omloop van Vlaanderen Rally have just been put up on the event website (www.omloopvanvlaanderen.be). The time schedule for the event has been available for some days and reveals that three stages (30.26km) will be run on the Friday evening, with another eleven (139.74) on Saturday – this means a total of 170km, approx 105 miles of stages. The rally finishes somewhat earlier than last year on the Saturday evening – 1st car due over the podium at 21.17hrs. The entry fee for BHRC crews is 600 Euros (100 less than the local crews will be paying). With many of our crews living in the southern half of England, access to Roeselare via Dover is very easy indeed and the overseas adventure is really worth considering for the warm welcome plus the different experience and the craic that comes with driving on the wrong side of the road and having mayonnaise on your chips! No details yet of entries received.

Regs for the Colin McRae Stages have still to make it to the event website. I have included the information article from last time in this newsletter. Interest seems strong for this rally, the last round of the Water End Properties Asphalt Cup so we are looking forward to a good entry heading into Scotland for 1 October.

Simon Marks
BHRC co-ordinator
5 August 2011

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Water End Properties Asphalt Cup Report: Round one Harry Flatters Historic Rally



Connor Corkill

from the crews after a full day of rallying on the challenging asphalt roads.

All day it was nip and tuck between Stokes (Ford Escort Mk1) and Corkill (Ford Escort Mk2) and going into the final stage Stokes was just 0.3s up on his young rival. A blistering run across the ranges sealed victory for Stokes by 5.2s. "I'm knackered now," said Stokes with a grin. "The old man has still got fire in his belly," said Corkill of the driver more than 40 years his senior. Stokes had lost 12s to Corkill in the morning after a moment with a truck tyre at a chicane, and had to push hard to claw the time back.

David Stokes and Guy Weaver claimed victory on the SGC Printing Harry Flatters Historic Rally on Sunday 31 July, but only after a day-long fight with Connor Corkill and Mark Perryman was resolved on the final stage as Stokes took a five-second winning margin. The annual thrash over the daunting Epynt ranges in Mid-Wales was the opening round of the Water End Asphalt Cup, a sub-set of the British Historic Rally Championship. Although not a full round of the Dunlop/WONAGO MSA BHRC, the slickly-run event drew a good historic field and universal praise

For Corkill, it was an excellent result after a season when university exams have curtailed his rallying to date. He now plans to take this form forward to the Ulster Historic Rally, an event he won in 2010. Third overall and second to Stokes in Category 2 were Dessie Nutt and Geraldine McBride, back in their later Porsche 911 for the first time in two years for their best run of the season so far. "We were on it today," said Nutt, who won class C4 and finished well clear of the Escort Mk1 of Chris Browne and Liz



David Stokes



Rob Smith

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Jordan. "We've had a super day; a good shakedown for Ireland," said Browne after some clutch and brake problems during the day.

Class C2 went to Jonathan Ford and Peter Thomas in their Escort Mk1. "Great stages," said Ford after a

straightforward day. Out of category two went Wayne Bonser/Richard Aston (Escort Mk1) with off on the Burma Road and Steve Loveridge/Russ Joseph (Mini Clubman) with overheating issues.

Corkill/Perryman won Category 3 by a handsome margin over the Escort Mk2 of Tomas and Eurig Davies, who battled all day with a low revs misfire as well as cooking brakes, which led to a couple of major overshoots. Rob Smith/Shawn O'Gorman (Vauxhall Chevette) and Alan Walker/Jez Rogers (Escort Mk2) were next up in the category, with both crews using the rally as a warm-up for the Ulster Rally. "We came here testing brakes and it has been very productive," said Smith. "This morning was a bit of a shock, but it has been great for a first time here," said Walker.



Chris Browne



Alan Walker



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Bentleys go on Safari

Brothers Mark and Edward Bentley, BHRC regulars in their Escort Mk2, believe that competing on the East African Safari Classic Rally in November will be the experience of a lifetime

They will be rallying in a Ford Escort Mk1 prepared by staff from their Ford dealership in Skipton, Yorkshire. "The guys at the Skipton dealership have run my rally cars for the last 20 years and they have done the vast majority of the build," said Mark. The brothers have long harboured an ambition to tackle one of the toughest rallies of all. "I can only

imagine how tough it will be. We've never been there before, but everyone keeps telling us," said Mark. "It's a marathon and not a sprint. We've got a great team of lads coming with us; all of them work with us in one capacity or another. The bodyshop foreman is coming, which is always handy, but hopefully we won't need him."

The 10-day marathon runs from 19 to 28 November and covers over 3000 miles, with nearly 2000 competitive miles.



Mark Bentley testing his Escort through the ford at Sweet Lamb



BHRC DVDs

The 2010 review of the BHRC is still available and can be ordered from <http://www.bazaarbuilder.com/cgi-bin/rallytv/myshop.php?merchant=rallytv&catparid=3> at a price of just £15 plus £2 P&P.

The 2011 DVDs will each cover two events and will be available approximately three weeks after every other rally. These are also available at a price of just £15 plus £2 P&P.

The first DVD covered the Mid Wales and Bulldog rallies and the second edition reported on the Pirelli and Severn Valley events. Both are now available. DVD number three will cover Ulster and the Tour of Flanders.

The fourth DVD will cover the McRae Stages and the Isle of Man.

There will then be an end of season review DVD, which should be available around Christmas.

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The Colin McRae Stages - Saturday 1 October

Supplementary Regulations for this event are about go up on <http://www.coltnesscarclub.com/mcrae.html>. It is Round 7 of the Dunlop/WONAGO – MSA British Historic Rally Championship and the sixth (final) round of the Water End Properties Gravel Cup. In advance of the release of the regs, here are a few bullet points.

- The event is entirely based in Aberfeldy, Perthshire
- For accommodation, refer to Aberfeldy Tourist Information Centre on (01887) 820276 aberfeldytic@visitscotland.com
- Scrutineering and documentation between 14.00 and 20.00hrs on Friday 30 September.
- 1st Car away 07.30hrs Saturday 1 October
- Leg 1 – 2 stages (6.50 / 11.60 miles) with tyre changing time (for those who need it) between, plus after the second stage.
- Service
- Leg 2 – 1 stage (13.30 miles) with tyre changing time (for those who need it) after.
- Service
- Leg 3 - 2 stages (13.40 / 4.60 miles) with tyre changing time (for those who need it) between, plus after the second stage.
- Only one stage double used (and that flowing test has only 3 junctions in its 4.6 miles).
- First car due back at Aberfeldy 13.50hrs.
- Awards Presentation as soon as results are declared final
- 50 stage miles / 100 road miles

Online Rally Auction In Aid of 'The Christie' Manchester

Sadly in November of last year a close friend and neighbour of one of our co-drivers, Phil Peak, lost his brave fight with cancer at the young age of 33.

Chris Edwards was treated at the Christie Hospital in Manchester for a rare form of stomach cancer and following his passing, his widow, Jo, has set up a Hope Fund with the charity to raise money for the research and treatment work the Hospital undertakes into Upper Gastrointestinal Cancer.

In an effort to add to this total Phil has organised an online Auction of Rally related items to be held on Ebay starting on Sunday 31 July.

Please see <http://hopefunds.christies.org/funds/chrisedwards> for more details, there is an event page at <http://hopefunds.christies.org/smartweb.../event/101> Please see the list for details of items including Genuine Minilite Wheels, Teng Tools, family day pass to Wales Rally GB, a Peltor Helmet and a whole host of models, team wear and collectors pieces. All items are listed on the following thread on the British Rally Forum <http://www.britishrally.co.uk/forum/viewtopic.php?f=5&t=40758>

Hopefully there are items to suit all pockets for drivers, co-drivers, enthusiasts and spectators alike! Please have a look and bid for items to help with this very good cause.



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Oulton Park Gold Cup – Rally Car Demonstration



Rally cars will again be demonstrated during the Oulton Park Gold Cup

It is a very social event, with no pressure to go out more than you wish, plus there is the racing to watch and some wonderful cars in the paddocks and car parks to drool over.

The circuit café restaurant actually serves some very nice, fairly priced meals as well. The “stage” used is Oulton Park’s rally school track and is a very low grip asphalt surface so excessive tyre wear is not an issue, and it really is an opportunity for a “drift fest” should you choose.

The race crowds drift across to watch between races, particularly at lunchtime when a large number of spectators are ready to be entertained and, in my experience of recent years, do not go away disappointed!

Once again, the HRCR have been invited to take part in the rally car demonstration at the Oulton Park Gold Cup Historic Race Meeting on Sunday 29th and Monday 29th August (the Bank Holiday weekend). This basically takes the format of an “open pitlane” track day and gives participants the chance to test their cars, whilst also offering the chance to give passenger rides to service crews, family, friends etc.

Graham Wild is handling the arrangements from our side and says that he is nearing 20 cars on each day for the demonstrations, though some more could be accommodated. He can be contacted for more details on (01673) 878858, (07831) 828732 or jill.wild@live.co.uk



BHRC cars are always popular with the crowd

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Co-drivers looking for rides

Tom Ward

Tom is available to co-drive Historics after five years in modern cars. Based in Sussex, he finished 13th in the 2005 BHRC (with Ian Drummond) but campaigns since have yielded overall and class wins. Another co-driver that would suit a competitive driver. He is an engineer that lists restoring classic MGs amongst his other interests and is also of very slight build and fits well into small spaces!

tomgward@hotmail.com or 07811 340532

Debby and Hugh Myers

Debby and Hugh have been regulars around the BHRC for some years. Having sold their Datsun 240Z over the winter of 2009/10, they are both available to co-drive. Hugh is also handy with spanners so a co-driver / service package can also be covered! Debby sat with Richard Simpson on the epic 2010 Roger Albert Clark Rally (in his SAAB 96) – only a mechanical failure on the penultimate stage preventing them taking Cat 1 honours. Hugh has been seen out with Alison Lock in the Mini, keeping his hand in.

hugh_myers@msn.com or 01489 581081

Bryan Hull

Based in Reading, Berkshire. Current Chairman of Craven Motor Club. National A Navigator with nearly 200 events experience, up to and including full International rallies, both home and abroad. Experience of cars from N1 to WRC including historic classes. Available for one off's or full season. References available upon request.

bryan.hull@gmail.com or 07770 237686

Many and Various!

If anyone is looking for a co-driver, Bryan Hull has a mailing list of over 83 co-drivers who have expressed an interest in co-driving, and some have budget!

His website is www.rallymatcher.com and he can be emailed at proco2020@aol.com

Andy Ballantyne

Andy is currently well up the Class D3 points table, co-driving for Stuart Clarke. The Welshman is not able to travel to Ulster, so Andy is looking for a ride on this event. Andy is a very experienced competitor and organiser of historic events and tells me that he can contribute a bit to costs on the Ulster Historic Rally. Andy lives in Devon.

andy.ballantyne@btopenworld.com or 07940 952799

Will Rogers

Will Rogers is a young co-driver from South Wales that is looking to co-drive in historic. He is already doing the Severn Valley and Harry Flatters but is available for all other events. He would love to get a run on the Ulster and Manx to try and gain experience of the challenging roads out there but all events considered. Full rally CV is available to anyone asks for one.

imp6r4beef@btinternet.com or 07979 333309

"Captain Thomas"

"Captain" has experience of all the Championship events, plus many other rallies both in the UK and abroad. He is based in Yorkshire and ready to go!

col8.tomo@talktalk.net (07771) 747314

Gemma Price

Gemma is based in the West Midlands and has co-driven at all levels up to the WRC (2003/2004 semi-works Ford Focus with Antony Warmbold) and has current experience with the likes of Tom Cave. She has also been involved in driver and co-driver training (including bringing on youngsters in Latvia) and now works for the Vintage Sports Car Club as Assistant Competitions Secretary - so is getting even handier at understanding regulations!

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John Stanger-Leathes

Another of the Championship's well-known Co-Drivers finds himself without a seat. Based in Northumberland, John has been around the Historic scene for many years.

jsl@essell.co.uk (07771) 662385

Car for Sale

Hillman Imp

Simon Whitehead is selling his Class B1 Hillman Imp. Newly built for last season, it has had relatively little use. It is a high spec car and is in beautiful condition. Contact Simon for more details.

simon@benchmarkrefurbishment.co.uk (07801) 641521

Car for Hire

Morris Mini Cooper S

Terry Cree (having completed his BMW 2002ti) is offering his Morris Mini Cooper "S" for hire. This well-known green (class B2) car has won him many awards over the years and was used by his son to win a second in class award at Croft, up against modern cars. Speak to Terry for more details.

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