
NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN
2025



What a busy few months our members have had! From competing in events, car tours, and marshalling, to organising and enjoying social gatherings. It's been non-stop. But as summer draws to a close, there's still plenty to look forward to during the darker nights, with our NavScatter Series kicking off soon alongside regular club nights to keep the calendar full.

MARSHALLING

THE ORANGE ARMY



Fairfield Motorsport Merlin Stages Darren, Richard, Austin, and Mike Lises were on the flying finish, while Ian Griffiths, Liam Griffiths, Gwyneth Tyler-Lyons, and Lisa Chappelle manned the stop line, with Mark Weller and Elaine Ward handling stop line radio. In stage were Bryan Evans, David Evans, and Garth Evans, while Jeff Evans was supported by his regular helper



GET CONNECTED MEWLA RALLY

A huge thank you to everyone who helped run the SS2 & SS4 stage start on the Get Connected Mewla Rally.

Elaine Ward kept arrival control running like clockwork, while Mike Cowburn and David Thomas oversaw the holding control. On the start line, Paul Davies and Mark Thomas kept the cars flowing, with Griff Horton managing the timecards and Mark Weller on start radio.

Out on stage, Austin and Darren Brill manned the Llandeilo Fan triangle, while Jeff Evans and the full Evans clan kept everything in check.





was a very hot and dusty day at the Stop control on Bowlsey for – Gwyneth Tyler-Lyons , Elaine Ward, David McIntyre, David Lloyd Thomas and Ian Griffiths – pestered all day by wasps and horseflies! Meanwhile, Liam Griffiths and Josh Jones were busy on the flying finish, while Jeff Evans, Lee Morton and Shauna Morton were out on Route 60.





Brecon MC at Rali Ceredigion

A great turnout from club members helped keep Rali Ceredigion running smoothly over the weekend. Liam Griffiths, Gwyneth Tyler-Lyons and Ian Griffiths managed the flying finish on Cwm Elan on Saturday before moving to Nant Y Moch on Sunday.

On Saturday, Mark Weller assembled a strong team including Griff Horton, Lewis, Simon Bevan, Darren Brill, Richard Brill and Austin Brill to oversee Y Daifol for SS3 and SS6, while on Sunday his team switched to Nant Y Moch, with the Brill crew assisting only on Saturday.

Jeff Evans, along with Lee Morton and Shauna Morton, were out all weekend providing support,

Chris Phillips was delivering, setting up, looking after and collecting timing equipment for the 3 days, with Gethin Phillips assisting







Saturday – SS2/SS5 Cwm Elan The Evans clan were kept busy at Junction 8B, a downhill hairpin overlooking the flying finish. Car 127 caught fire, but thankfully all was well in the end.

Sunday – SS9/SS11 Nant Y Moch

The Evans clan were again kept busy at location 1B in a designated spectator area along the fence line. The section was not clearly marked, and additional measures were needed to keep spectators the required 1.5 meters from the fence as requested by the Safety Commander and the landowner. Only three marshals were available to cover 150 meters of fence,



MOTORSPORT NEEDS YOU!!!

Interested in Marshalling? Events are always on the lookout for more marshals – it's a great way to be part of the action, enjoy a good social day out, and maybe even get treated to a bacon roll!

 **Get in touch with our Chief Marshal: griffithsic@aol.com**





Fairfield motorsport Merlin Stages

Fairfield Merlin Stages by Colin Evans

Pembrey was the venue for this outing, Harri had stepped aside for my 2nd cousin John to get some seat time before the Mewla. Experimenting with 18" wheels saw quite a bit of 2 wheels action as the tyres really gripped well on the Pembrey tarmac. The wet conditions on the first 2 stages helped our cause with a decent 19th o/a at the end. With drying conditions the more powerful cars started to reel us in, tyre choice was now critical so we changed to a set of Hankook's and found them to work well. John settling well into the silly seat we managed a decent 25th o/a



Also out on the Merlin Stages was Gethin Phillips, navigating for Harvey Stevens in the Mini, who finished 47th overall and 2nd in class.

Joseph Palmer in the Micra, with Marcus Pagett alongside, had a strong run to 19th overall and 2nd in class.

And a big well done to Sam Weller, navigating for Richard Merriman in the Darrian T90, who brought the car home an excellent 3rd overall and 1st in class.



UNLUCKY END FOR BEN FRIEND AND SAM WELLER IN ULSTER

Ben Friend (Driver) and Sam Weller(Navigator) were showing great form in Ulster, leading their class. Unfortunately, their rally came to an early end on Stage 11 due to gearbox failure.

A tough break for the crew, especially after such a strong performance throughout the event



Mewla Rally – 24th July 2025

Sam Weller was out with Barry John in the Subaru Impreza for the Mewla Rally 2025. Unfortunately, things didn't quite go to plan. On SS2, they were caught out on a corner, understeered wide, and slid into a ditch. While trying to recover, they unfortunately snapped a driveshaft, forcing them to retire early.





GET CONNECTED MEWLA RALLY

BY COLIN EVANS

With John Evans alongside me for this one we were both hoping that his meticulous preparation would ensure that he would not have the same sickness issues which plagued him on every stage on Dixies Challenge earlier in the year. The Glynarthen closed road section was absolutely amazing, hopefully this format will be used in future events on Epynt. My commitment on the jump after Llandeilo Fan triangle was to cause us problems later in the day with damage to the suspension geometry meaning I couldn't quite drive with the same commitment on the next 3 very fast New Road stages a 30th o/a and 2nd in class after stage 4 was soon converted into 35th o/a and 3rd in class. With Butch revoking my pilots license and a hefty repair bill it is definitely lesson learnt. Fair play to John perfect on the notes and not a sign of sickness.





COLIN EVANS OUT ON THE NICKY GRIST by Colin Evans

A searing hot Saturday in July saw Harri and I on our second ever gravel stage rally. On the first stage Monument I kept a steady pace but on the next stage Route 60 I decided to have a go and soon enough we visited the scenery which cost us about 15/20 secs. You'd think it was lesson learned but with Halfway next and determined to make up for lost time I pushed hard from the get go, unbeknown to me the photographers were on stage waiting for their prey on a certain right hand corner. I of course obliged and gave them something to photograph, video and talk about!!!

In the afternoon the highlight was definitely the Bowlsey stage in the Crychan forestry 12.5km of forestry driving bliss, fast, twisty, slippery and technical all in one stage. We slowly worked our way up the leaderboard during the day to finish 1st in class and 51st o/a. The heroes of the day were undoubtedly the orange army who kept the show on the road despite the heat and dust.





Nicky grist stages by Rhys Edwards

The Nicky grist stage was an absolutely belting day out in the fiesta r2. The car was faultless and the rhythm in the car the same. Getting to use route 60 competitive was the highlight of the rally for me. It is such an iconic stage and one I've always wanted to do. Being my local event it couldn't have gone much better. Me and Lewis ended up winning the class by 2 minutes 26 seconds. We were quickest FWD crew by 18 seconds and came away with maximum points in the Btrda silverstar championship. Making it 3 maximum from 3 at that point



PHIL PRICE MEMORIAL WOODPECKER RALLY

*Phil Price
RALLYING
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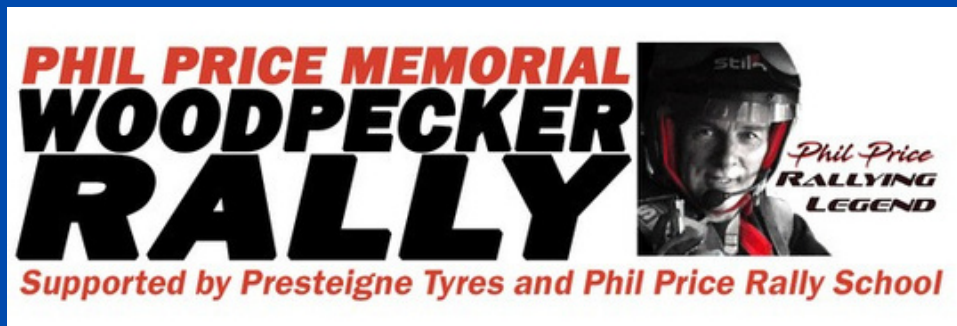
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WOODPECKER RALLY 30th AUGUST

Mike Simpson (driver) and Dale Gibbons (Navigator) tackled the stages in their Mk2 RS1800 Escort. A brief misfire during the first mile and a half—possibly due to fuel evaporation—soon cleared, allowing for a steady run through the morning loop. As the rain set in for the repeat stages, a change of front tyres improved grip and confidence, helping them climb the pace to finish 50th overall.

Meanwhile, David Jones (Dai Block) and Glyn Price brought the iconic E30 325 BMW home in 81st overall, adding another strong finish to their tally.





Woodpecker 2025 by Rhys Edwards

This rally became abit of a strange one for me and Lewis. We went into the morning loop of stages not really having the feeling in the rhythm and the car that we usually do but surprisingly we were right up there with the other top FWD crews with only 18 seconds separating the top crews. Into the afternoon loop and that where things became a little strange. We really felt good in the car and it felt like we were going so much quicker but the times didn't really reflect that feeling. Despite that we still came away winning the class by 49 seconds, won the round in the R2 cup and I took another maximum points haul in the Btrda silverstar co drivers championship. That's made it 4 wins from 4 and with your best 5 out 7 counting ,The next round on the Trackrod rally could end up being a huge moment for me.



THE GARETH HALL MEMORIAL RALLY

17TH AUGUST

Richard Merriman (Driver) and Sam Weller (Navigator) guided the Darrian through the challenging stages of Trawsfynydd, putting in a top performance and bringing it home in 9th overall 3rd in class .



The Gareth Hall Memorial Rally BY Colin Evans

Our first visit to the Trawsfynydd will not be our last. A plan to take it steady and just think about WAMC Tarmac championship points soon went out the window when I realized we were only 6 secs off the pace after 4 stages. The rest of the day saw us exchanging times and banter with Dyfed Ireland and Nathan Williams, with only seconds in it and also posting identical stage times we eventually came out on top with 1st in class and 16th o/a.

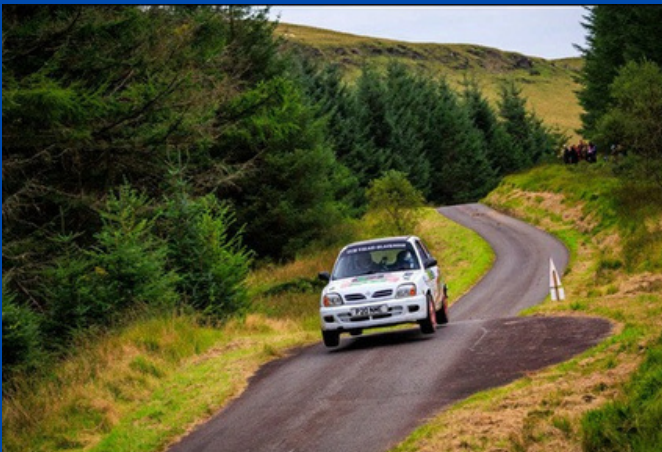




Joseph Palmer Mighty Micra Shines Before Stage 10 Drama

Driver Joseph Palmer and navigator Emma Clarke stormed from a start number of 157 up to 32nd overall, holding a six-minute class lead. After early issues with no brakes on SS1 and a small spin on SS2, they pushed hard and set times that rivalled far more powerful cars.

Their charge ended on a wet Stage 10 when the Micra slid on a crest and spun into a bank. Thankfully both were unhurt and the car escaped with only light damage, but they were unable to continue So had to retire.



Sam Weller was navigating for Sean Crowley in his Darrian T90, with the pair finishing 13th overall and 3rd in class.





COLIN EVANS ON ON RALLY CEREDIGION

We were in for a treat with this one, a superbly organized event over the best roads in the country.

Harri and I decided only to recce the stages once as with my memory it wouldn't make much difference. Friday saw us do the town stage in Aberystwyth, a shower just before we started didn't help our cause at all.

Saturday and straight out to Cwm Elan, a fast flowing stage to help us get settled before the 33km "Y Diafol" stage, using the Abergwesyn road up The Devils Staircase this stage really lived up to its name claiming 14 cars on the first pass through. Mydroilyn next and a different type of stage with some very fast sections towards the end. Back to Aberystwyth and then out for more of the same again, the same loop was completed and then back to Aberystwyth for the town stage under the cover of darkness. We had been in the car for a total of 13hrs and 56 mins by the time we got back to Service.

Sunday saw us start with the Nant Y Moch stage and the over to Devils Bridge for the Mynydd Bach stage. We had put on wet tyres as rain was imminent but a bone dry Nant Y Moch stage made us wonder if we had made the right choice. Mynydd Bach next and the heavens opened wet's were the right option. This stage was fast and flowing initially but halfway through it started to tighten up with a real sting in the tail towards the end, definitely my favorite section of this stage. Once again another loop the same in the afternoon and back to Aberystwyth for the ceremonial finish, the atmosphere was amazing as were the crowds of spectators.

Harri and I thoroughly enjoyed the event and are very pleased to have finished 36th o/a and 7th in a very strong road rally class.





Rali Ceredigion by Rhys Edwards

This rally just didn't really get going for me and Nathan Evans this year. We ended up sliding off the road at low speed and shunting into the bank snapping the lower arm. The Friday night Aberystwyth town stage went alright for us. We had the attitude of just getting through it with no problems. The problem came when we arrived into parc ferme and I had realised that I booked us in a minute late which gave us a 10 second penalty. 1st time in 97 rallies have I done that. Onto Saturday morning we had to be on it and go for a massive push on the first stage of the day cwm ellan. And that we did, being the quickest in class by 11.1 seconds. A time that wasn't beaten on the 2nd pass by anyone in the class. Onto stage 3, y diafol is where our rally came to an early end. One of the best stages in country in my view. The first 31km of the stage felt really good inside the car but as we came down to the corner that max McRae went off on, we backed it right off to just get through but the mud caught of us as it was like ice. Game over for us. We eventually got towed out to the end of the stage but due to our service crew looking after 2 other cars. We were stuck at the top off llyn brianne for 8 hours . One to forget for this year





Team Brecon Motor Club has entered the 2025 East African Classic Safari taking place from the 5th – 13th December.

Team members and BMC Members Malcolm Rich (Driver) /Ron Mounsey(Co-driver) and support crew Jez MacWhirter/Craig Jones/ Adrian Leonard and Adrian Cavenagh (Cav) are all flying out to Kenya to join the Mark 1 Escort RS 2000 which was sent off in the container on the 27th August.

This will be Malcolm's second attempt, having competed in and finished 36th o/a despite losing a front wheel on day 6 and clutch problems on the penultimate day of the 2023 Classic Rally.

It will be the first time for Ron to attempt the Toughest and Greatest Classic Safari Rally in the World. Even though the car has been sent there is still plenty to do for the crew organising the Carnet (list of spares for Customs use) travel visa's, Team Clothing and medical injections etc.



A GUIDE TO HISTORIC ROAD RALLYING

BY MARTIN LEONARD

Historic Road Rallying, not a discipline for everyone but if you enjoy a drive in the countryside as a driver it will suit you and if you like to test your brain power then navigating could be for you. Regardless, if you decide to do it, make sure you do it for fun and don't get too upset if it doesn't click straight away. You might need a sense of humour!

What car would you use? Well, anything pre 1991 one is eligible and there is obviously a need for the cars to be more or less period. More details on that can be found in the NSR's, what used to be the Motorsport UK Blue Book. Alternatively you can query the Historic Rally Car Register (HRCR) via their website where contacts are available on the Clubman's Championship page. All sorts of cars are used which makes a refreshing change from seeing legions of Escorts as you do on many special stage events. That's not to say that you can't use an Escort but it must adhere to the regulations. I personally use my VW Jetta which is virtually standard but serves its purpose and gets us around.



A GUIDE TO HISTORIC ROAD RALLYING

BY MARTIN LEONARD

Trip meters are essential

Historic road rallies are usually made up of regularity sections and special tests, all timed at an average of 30 mph or less. For regularity speed is not all important, staying on the correct road and visiting all the controls is the main thing, once you have that mastered that you can think about hitting the secret timing points on time. This is a dark art and you will eventually begin to guess where these controls might be which will increase your chances of a decent result. Special tests are driving tests timed to the second but averaging no more than 30 mph. Sounds easy but with code boards, passage controls, slaloms and other trickery to slow you down it becomes quite difficult.



The Club That Goes Historic Rallying

A GUIDE TO HISTORIC ROAD RALLYING

BY MARTIN LEONARD

Plenty of opportunity for driver fun!
That's a brief synopsis of how things are done, maybe organising would appeal to you or marshalling even. Brecon Motor Club organises the Gremlin Rally in May each year and we would be delighted to have help beforehand or definitely on the day. Contact Martin Leonard who can point you in the right direction.
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WHAT HAVE OUR MEMBERS BEEN DOING???

Dave Mac Audi brakes are fixed !

There's no stopping Dave Mac now! With his Audi brakes sorted (well done Dai of the Evans clan), he's been busy racking up the miles. Recently, Dave has taken part in a few tours, including Devizes and District Motor Cubs Valleys and Villages Classics Car Tour on Sunday 3rd August covering the Berkshire and Wiltshire Downs and the black mountain tour. Mark Weller helped to keep the wheels turning, working his way through the road books!



A Great Afternoon at the BMC Barbecue!

A brilliant afternoon was had by all at the BMC barbecue – great food and even better company! Huge thanks to Liz and Malcolm Rich for the tasty salads and to Charlie Rich for taking on the role of chef.

The blindfold golf buggy challenge stole the show – a real laugh and far trickier than anyone expected



10 YEARS OF THE BLACK MOUNTAIN TOUR

A fantastic day at the Black Mountains Classic Tour 10th Anniversary!
A huge well done to Chris Phillips for pulling it all together—fantastic roads, venues, and company. This year's tour marked a special milestone by retracing the very same route from the first event, adding a wonderful touch of nostalgia .

A big thank you to all the members and everyone who helped keep the show on the road and make it such a success! Special thanks to Chris, who is stepping back from organising the tour—your dedication over the years has been greatly appreciated.

Planning is already underway for next year!



WHAT'S ON

1st oct	Quiz night with Dave Mac
8th oct	committee meeting
29th oct	Nav scatter
5th Nov	social meeting
12th Nov	Committee meeting
26th Nov	Nav scatter
3rd Dec	social meeting
10th Dec	committee meeting
TBA Dec	Table Top Nav scatter
20th Dec	Christmas meal
24th Jan	Market hall show

BRECON MOTOR CLUB

QUIZ NIGHT

HOSTED BY QUIZ MASTER

DAVE MAC



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Navigation Scatter Series

Winter Navigation Scatter Series 2025/26

Our Winter Navigation Scatter series kicks off next month! The first round will be run by the Brills, starting in Prince Town, just outside Tredegar.

Round 1: October 29th – Richard Brill & Austin Brill

Round 2: November 26th – Malcolm Rich & Dave Sinnett

Round 3: December – Table Top (date TBA)

Round 4: January 28th – Dave Mac & Dave Thomas

Round 5: February 25th – Liam Griffiths & James Chappelle

Round 6: March 30th – Richard Brill & Austin Brill

For any questions, please contact Richard Brill: richardjbrill@yahoo.com



Christmas meal and award ceremony

Christmas Meal 2025

This year's Christmas meal will be held at The Clarence, 25 Watton, Brecon, LD3 7ED, on Saturday 20th December. Join us from 7:00 pm for a 7:30 pm start.

Enjoy a traditional three-course Christmas dinner, with vegetarian and vegan options available.

Limited spaces available – register your interest at:
Darren.bmc@yahoo.com

Price and menu to follow.



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