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## BORDER COUNTIES RALLY SPECIAL 2013 JEDBURGH AND SCOTTISH BORDERS



WELCOME to the build up issue for the 2013 Brick and Steel Border Counties Rally. This year's event will see the competitors battle it out in Wauchope, Craik and Kielder Forests, utilising some of the best forest tracks in the UK, without doubt in many peoples minds. This year has a strong entry list with the likes of Euan Thorburn the man to beat. Bogie and other SRC regulars will be on the pace to beat the Malcolm Wilson Winner...let battle commence!

As with all motor sport events, and in particular light of the tragedy that shadowed the previous round of the SRC, rallying can be dangerous and each year the Organisers look at events in previous years, and other rallies that have taken place throughout the country, to ensure that all reasonable safety precautions are in place. However the risk can never be eliminated altogether and that is why we ask that Spectators play their part in the safety of the event for all involved. We ask that you read the Safety Information (available on [www.bordercountiesrally.co.uk](http://www.bordercountiesrally.co.uk)) and use common sense when in the forests. The areas that are regarded as safe have been marked out with green/white tape. Please use these areas. If you stand behind red/white tape (in an area that the Organisers consider to be unsafe) you will be asked to move. Please follow the Marshal's instructions as they have your safety in mind and have been instructed to report any spectators standing in a dangerous position. The Organisers will have no hesitation in stopping the stage until it is safe to run. There will be a series of Officials/Set-Up vehicles passing through each stage prior to the first competitor. The last of these will be the Safety Car, approximately 15 minutes in front of the first competitive vehicle.

A nominal parking charge of £10.00 per car (not per person) will be payable upon entry. With the agreement of the local Forestry Office the proceeds will be donated to help support good causes in the local community. One payment will give access to ALL spectators Points on ALL stages on the day. We are looking forward to seeing you out in the forests whether in a rally car, with a camera, marshalling, or whatever takes your fancy. **CONTINUES ON BACK PAGE.....**



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## SALTIRE CLASSIC RALLY

- PERTSHIRE, 3rd MARCH by Andrew Fish

It was nice to see an oversubscribed entry for one of the best classic rallies of the year after some of the low entries or even cancelled events last year. Part of the reason is the adoption of the new MSA Targa rules which relax some of the rules which have been effecting entries over the last year or so - another reason this event gets such a good entry is it is fantastically well organised, has brilliant scenery and tests and is also sponsored by a distillery. There was a healthy entry from Ireland, with some familiar and some not so familiar crews on the entry list - some googling produced some YouTube footage of some devastatingly quick Midgets which looked as if they'd been shot of out cannons when they left the line.

I was out with John Bertram again for this year's event - possibly the yellow MkII's last event before his new MkI Mexico is unveiled (he's hoping to have it ready for the Berwick). We were expecting 18 test and 3 regularity sections during the day - test 1 was almost opposite the start venue and was a very sleep, uphill sprint on gravel, tarmac and snow/ice with 4 hairpins and then the return trip back down the hill on snow and ice. All very exciting on stone cold tarmac tyres.

The first few tests went smoothly - we were informed that some of the Irish lads were taking massive amounts of time out of us (7s on one, 60s test), but we were hoping for some rougher forest type tests which suit the MkII. *Continued Over Page...*

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# EDITORS REVIEW

On the back of WDMC's AGM I would like welcome to the new members; not only of the club but also to those in new committee positions or management.

It has been (again) very hectic in all forms of life recently and I have been desperate to get my exams out of the way to start focussing on the build and preparation of the wee 106 for some single stage venue stuff later in the year. Taking on the new PR and Publicity role as well has been good and we are getting underway with some promotion for events such as the Border Counties and the Shaw which after last years disappointment of being cancelled needs to be pushed this year as it has cracking routes, tests and start finish venues for great value. My entry is there and itching to go for 'the shaw' in its new earlier, 16th June slot on the calendar. Other things to watch out over the next few months are promoting the club to new members and trying to, on the back of the GoMotorsport campaign, attract more people into participating in motorsport whether as marshals or competitors.

On the 27th March there is a Karting night at NE Karting, Warden Law: WDMC vs DAC. It should be a good laugh with 20 spaces available for each club and then a 15min practice, 15min qualifying and a 30min race. See Mark Jose or contact with details over leaf if you want to come along and join us. We have also set up a WDMC GP predictor league and whilst the first F1 race is kicking off 17th March, you can still join in and try beat fellow club mates! League is *WDMC F1 Champs or Chumps* and the Pin is **747fab15538b57a9d6f07408dc7f3518** (<http://gppredictor.com/>).

## RIPONIAN STAGES RALLY - NORTH YORKSHIRE, 17th FEBRUARY

On a very changing day down in the North Yorkshire Forests there were a few club members out - 2 teams in Subaru Impreza's and 1 crew in a Cortina Mk1. The Cortina crew of Richard Holdsworth/Yvette Hughes would not proceed past MTC 3 and the rally ended early for the crew. Fairing better luck, particularly after the fog had lifted, were Tony Thompson and Paul Hudson who managed to finish the day in 22nd O/A and 9th in Class E. They were ahead of the similar Impreza and class rivals Jo and Guy Whickam who finished the day in 32nd O/A and 10th in the class. The day wasn't with snow skids and various departures from the road for most crews with The Whickam crew receiving a helping hand from some well placed marshalls and spectators.

The Overall event was won by Charlie Payne/ Craig Thorley in the Focus WRC, from Ian Joel/ Graeme Wood with Peter Stephenson/ Ian Windress in 3rd O/A. Another notable performance from Ollie Mellors in the MEM Proton Satria S2000.

FROM THIS [AM]....



TO THIS [NOON]...TO



THIS TO FINISH [PM]



Photos by Alastair Knox

## SALTIRE CLASSIC RALLY - PERTSHIRE, 3rd MARCH

The rest of the mornings tests were more suited to a bigger car and we were on the pace with the front runners and lying 3rd at lunch after finding one of the very quick Midgets parked up in a quarry with very sick gearbox. More tests in and around the Tay Forest area, including a one in the sponsors car park where they use whisky barrels as test markers ran in quite quick succession followed by a couple of longer regularity sections which included some very tricky navigation and hard to see slots with roads not marked on the map to link a white with the A6 which seemed to catch a good few out. There was also a tricky link section round the grounds of a derelict stately home with a loop through the farm building with a PC hidden behind a shed which caught a few out.

Good times were set on these with only 21 secs dropped for 9 controls over 30 miles - so just over 2 secs per control which is about as good as you can aim for with speed changes between controls.

Back at the finish, a rather good meal and a few drams thanks to the sponsors showed us still 3rd - but very tight at the front. After a few alterations as we'd beat the bogey time on a few tests we were 5th, but there were only 30 secs from 1st to 5th after 18 tests and 3 very long navigation sections. Frustratingly, we were only 12 secs off 2nd and 6 of those were the horses.

It was a convincing win for the Irish crew and Berwick regulars of Noel Cochrane and Ollie McCollum in the MG Midget  
2nd the relatively new crew of Neil Campbell/Sandy Horne in his MkI RS2000  
3rd Dave Charlson and Bob Hargreaves in the Enduro Spec 1400cc Rover 214  
4th Thompson Jnr and Snr in the trusty white Avenger  
5th Andrew Fish and John in the MkII RS2000  
Next planned event is the Ilkley Jubilee with Andy in the borrowed, bog standard Avenger again - so we can practice regularity in preparation for the Rally of the Tests in the mighty Rapier than is being built especially.

## TOUR OF EPYNT - EPYNT RANGES, PORT TALBOT, 10th MARCH

NEW Culina Palletforce member Andrew Roughead was on the notes for Andy Fenwick in the Hyundai Accent WRC to challenge a host of top entries on this years MSA Asphalt championship round on Epynt Ranges. Challenge they did setting second fastest time on SS1, but then retired with clutch problems entering SS3, a shame as they seemed on the pace for the day. Other WDMC member Alex Laffey and Jack Morton put in some solid times in the S2000 Fiesta and ended the day in 56th O/A and 1st in CL A7. 1.20min penalty for lateness into MC3 didn't help the overall times but didn't affect the overall positions too much for the young pair.

At the end of the day Simpson and Cole were dead level after 50 miles - Simpson winning on count back winning SS1.

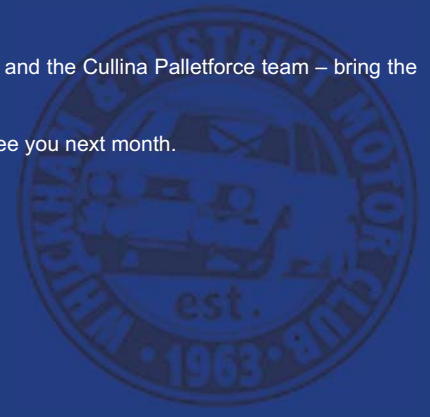
## MID WALES STAGES - NEWTON AND MIDDLE OF CYMRU, 3rd MARCH

RONNIE Roughead was also out at the beginning of March guiding regular BHRC regular Robin Shuttleworth in the Ford Escort Mexico. Pikes Peak and other great Welsh stages filled the day with quality mileage and Ronnie and Robin notched up another fine result with a class C2 win after making the long trip south. The day was even better for the pair as they were drawn out of the ballot as the crew to receive half their entry fee back. The promotion was part of the sponsors aim to aid competitors in tough times and I'm sure that money will find its way back to another entry fee to assist the crew this year. Well done R&R!!

I would like to say well done to Andrew and Peter on their exciting new deal to challenge in the BRC with John Mac and the Cullina Palletforce team – bring the BRC title to club boys! Cracking work by them both in getting the sponsorship and here's to a successful season.

Also a reminder to everyone to get upto Kielder on the 23rd for the Border Counties, either to support or marshall. See you next month.

Ollie



## NORTH WEST STAGES RALLY - BLACKPOOL AND AREA, 8/9th FEBRUARY

Mark Thompson and Phil Kenny in the 2 litre Peugeot 206 were out to play in the cold again, this time down amongst the bright lights of Blackpool's Promenade and the surrounding Lancashire area. Being Phil's first multi venue he had mentioned a few nerves and has summarised this 'first' experience...

"First up was the North West Stages rally based in not so sunny Blackpool, following on from the confidence boosting result on the Jack Frost stages it was time to face up to my first multi-venue rally on what is reputed as one of the most challenging for a navigator. To be honest I was shitting myself. No amount of pre rally prep could calm the nerves and this carried on to the start line of the first stage, stage 1 was the new stage around the trax go kart circuit, a steady run would see the first stage out of the way however the second stage in Clifton water works couldn't have gone much worse, despite my several calls of "keep left at split" it didn't sink in and we ended up doing an extra lap and therefore getting a stage max. Sitting 80th o/a after SS2 wasn't how i had hoped it would go. Saturday morning would see a switch back to Dunlops after trying Silverstones on Friday and the times improved greatly, a 9th fastest time on the second Trax stage and an 11th fastest on one of the Docks stages at Fleetwood resulted in us moving up to 19th o/a and getting 2nd in class by the end. My aim for the event was to get to the end and not incur any road penalties, so achieving that and getting a good result I was over the moon."

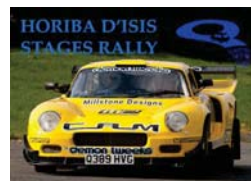
Phil would also like to say thank you very much to Gary for doing chase car with my Dad and all those at WDMC who gave advice before the rally, its all very much appreciated! - *Well done from WDMC on a excellent result.*



Photo by Alastair Knox

## MALCOLM WILSON RALLY - GREYSTOKE, 2nd MARCH

Surprisingly there were not any WDMC members out on the MWR 2013, but there was some impressive machinery. Malcolm was out in the new S2400 (and retiring), Matt was out as course car in the Q code liveried S2000 which looks very cool and there was a host of other WRC and historic machinery. Local Lad [well...] Colin Wilkinson was flinging it through Greystoke in the Avenger but retired with Head/Rocker Shaft issues on SS3. Meanwhile my favourite for the Border Counties, Euan Thorburn, was getting to grips with winning ways clinching the overall victory quite comprehensively from his nearest competitors. Good Luck on the BCR for the Scottish Championship!



## DOON AT KIBBY CLUB THIS MONTH...

THIS MONTH...

20 March - Border Counties Marshals Night

**23 March - Border Counties Rally**

27 March - DVDs

3 April - Quiz

10 April - PlayStation

11 April - Committee

17 April - Discussion: The Greatest Rally Driver

24 April - Telephone Rally

OTHER EVENTS....

**17 March - Devils Own**

**17 March - AGBO Stages - Weston Park**

**24 March - SMC Stages - Weeton Camp**

**24 March - North Yorkshire Classic**

**29-31 March - Circuit of Ireland**

**30 March - Carterhall Stages**

**6/7 April - Rally North Wales**

**13 April - Horiba D'Isis Rally - MIRA**

**14 April - Lookout Stages - Melbourne**

**20 April - Granite City Rally - Aberdeen**

**27 April DCCStages - Ingleston**

**28 April - Tour of Hamsterely - Co Durham**

PURE CLASS-IFIEDS.....  
(OR GIVEAWAYS/WANTED)



Peugeot 106 XSi 1400cc engine - approx 70k miles on clock, no fuel rail, everything else is ok. £25. See Ollie or contact details over leaf page 4.

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## WHAT'S REVVVVVING MY ENGINE



**IN SCHOOLS**  
Regionals and beyond.....RKR



Q Code Rally Cars....



Hyundai? VW? Fiesta? Same...



FLAT OUT

TICKING OVER

NOT GOING ANYWHERE

## BCR SPECIAL 2013 JEDBURGH

### SPECIAL STAGE 1 - Hyndlee

PLEASE NOTE there is no Spectator Access to this stage as there are no suitable spectator points or parking locations. The Organising Team request that you please avoid this stage to help prevent any problems.

### SPECIAL STAGE 2 - Wauchope (first car 09:22)

Enter from B6357 Bonchester Bridge to Newcastleton road and park as instructed. Do not park on grass verges. This will give easy walking access to Junctions 3 & 4. The Police will issue Parking Tickets to anyone they consider is inappropriately parked.

### SPECIAL STAGE 3 - Craik (first car 11:16)

Enter towards Craik Village from B711. Use official car park. Please park sensibly and do not obstruct access roads or private property. Do not park on grass verges. The Police will issue Parking Tickets to cars inappropriately parked. Easy walking to Junction 3. PLEASE KEEP ACCESS ROADS CLEAR as they may be needed by Rescue Units in case of emergency. DO NOT CROSS THE BRIDGES INTO MEADSHAW and STAGE START. Be aware the access roads to and from Craik are narrow and will have two way traffic. Please drive carefully.

### SPECIAL STAGE 4 - Bewshaugh (first car 13:25)

Enter from the C200 and park as directed. There are two access points giving access to Junctions 2 & 6. PLEASE ENSURE THE ACCESS ROADS ARE KEPT CLEAR as they may be needed by Rescue Units in case of emergency. Please drive carefully.

### SPECIAL STAGE 5 - Riccarton (first car 14:10)

Enter from B6357 Bonchester Bridge to Newcastleton road and park as instructed. Do not park on grass verges. This will give easy walking access to Junction 8. The Police will issue Parking Tickets to anyone they consider is inappropriately parked.



drew gibson **photographer**\_shot around the motorsport world March, and already work has taken me to Malaysia, Spain and America (twice).

For my first picture of the month however, I've chosen an image I took at one of my favourite races, the Sebring 12 hour endurance race, held in Florida. Shooting at night is technically very challenging, so there are a lot of images I shoot that don't work. There fore its all the more satisfying to capture an image like this, the use of a slow shutter speed combined with the glowing brakes and spit of flame all help to portray a sense of speed and drama.

*Drew's column is a reminder of how deep our motorsport passion goes and it's not just about competing. We can all take part be it competing in rallying, trackdays, marshalling or the ultimate in combining motorsport with work. WDMC provides diverse interaction with the world of motorsport and offers connections whether it be passion as a hobby or as a way of living. One thing remains: We all love it!*

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## F1 IN SCHOOLS - WDMC support Emmanuel College

**Red Kite Racing**, is an F1 in Schools team from Emmanuel College, Gateshead. We are a team of four sixth form students and have taken on various roles with the aim of becoming champions in this competition.

F1 in Schools is a global challenge in which teams of students aged 9 to 19 use CAD/CAM software to design, analyse, manufacture, test, and then race miniature gas powered balsa wood F1 cars. The challenge inspires students to use IT to learn about physics, aerodynamics, design, manufacturing, branding, graphics, sponsorship, marketing, leadership, and teamwork. There are 34 countries competing, 12 million students, and the cars travel down a 20 metre straight track in just over 1 second, reaching speeds of 60kph.

WDMC have pledged a donation to the RKR team and will continue to support the team for the remainder of this year as well as from September when the new team from Emmanuel begin their campaign. WDMC wish the students the best of luck going forward in 2013.

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