



The Tabard - August 2011

Welcome to the first 2011 edition of "The Tabard" - the marshals' newsletter for Wales Rally GB. This year, the event will be publishing an edition of the newsletter in August, September and October. It will be available to download from the event website and we will be sending an email to all the marshals on our mailing list and who register for the event. We start with the timetable for the 2011 event - this has seen a large number of changes - and an update on the World Rally Championship so far. We hope this will allow you to keep up-to-date with the event as an essential part of the team.

Paul Rees

Marshals Liaison and Newsletter Editor

2011 WRGB Route and Changes

This year sees the biggest changes in the event for a long time. We have progressively been incorporating more of the Mid Wales stages for a number of years but 2011 heralds the move to a new event start in North Wales to allow us to utilise the incredible stages in that part of the country.

As well as the inclusion of the North Wales stages, the event central service area moves to the Royal Welsh Showground at Builth Wells which is used on Friday, Saturday and Sunday as well as being the service for shakedown on the Wednesday morning. The event ventures to South Wales for the overnight halts in Cardiff on Friday and Saturday nights and for the event Finish on the Sunday afternoon.

The event starts in Llandudno on the afternoon of Thursday 10th November with 2 runs through the asphalt surface of the Great Orme followed by a little over 10 miles in Clocaenog Forest on the traditional Rally GB forestry roads as dusk and darkness falls. That's followed by a remote service and an overnight Parc Fermé at Llandudno ready for the next day's action.

On Friday morning the crews make their way south to tackle Gartheiniog, Dyfi West and East, and finally Dyfnant before a service at Builth Wells. The crews then tackle the stages in a different order in the afternoon loop - Dyfi West and East, Gartheiniog and Dyfnant, service at Builth Wells before make their way down to Cardiff for an overnight Parc Fermé.

Saturday starts with a road section from Cardiff to Builth Wells for service, then onto the Central Wales stages of Hafren, Sweet Lamb and Myherin before a midday service and completing the same loop of stages in the afternoon. They then service at Builth Wells before travelling to Cardiff for their overnight Parc Fermé.

For Sunday, the crews make their way from Cardiff to Builth Wells for service, undertake the difficult Epynt stages of Halfway, Crychan and Monument in the morning. The cars then service at Builth Wells before their final loop of stages which comprises of Halfway, Crychan and Monument - which is both the last stage in the event and the live televised Power Stage. The cars then have a final service at Builth Wells and travel down to Cardiff for the event finish.

National B event

Following its successful introduction in 2010, the National B event within Wales Rally GB will grow for 2011. The event will take place on Friday and Saturday and have single runs through Dyfi East and West, Gartheiniog and Dyfnant on Friday and Hafren, Sweet Lamb and Myherin on Saturday to total 76 miles of stages with start, finish and servicing at Builth Wells.

The cars within the National B event run in the gap between the 1st and 2nd WRC event runs of the stages meaning you get to enjoy more competition when marshalling on the event whilst competitors get to tackle the same classic Welsh stages as the WRC competitors.

Enrolling to Marshal on Wales Rally GB 2011

The 2011 Wales Rally GB is once again using the www.RallyStageTeam.co.uk staffing system to enrol marshals in Wales Rally GB as this is the easiest way to manage the event staffing across multiple days, regions and stage teams.

You can still contact a staffing officer by email or phone if you would prefer but logging onto the automated systems help us do the staffing job much more easily and accurately.



2011 WRC Roundup

With 8 events gone, we are well into the second half of the 2011 season of 13 events, and this year is proving to be one of the most interesting seasons for a number of years.

The introduction of the new 1.6 litre turbocharged 4wd WRC cars has brought a new manufacturer - Mini - into the WRC with a limited programme of events for 2011 and a full programme in 2012 plus VW who will join the championship with their own car in 2013. The new "power stage" which is run on each event has increased the point tally available for those who can set the fastest times, even if they're further down the order and many of the stages are being televised live by ESPN.

It is a rather familiar story at the top of the championship leaderboard though. With Rally Finland just finished, it's the Citroën duo of Sebastien Loeb and Sebastien Ogier who have been able to take best advantage of the new technical specification with Loeb winning 4 events and Ogier 3 up to this point in the season.

Despite only winning one event, Fords Mikko Hirvonen is 2nd in his Ford Fiesta WRC with consistent results on the other events whilst his team-mate Jari-Matti Latvala is in 4th position.

Petter Solberg in a Citroën DS3 is the best of the non-factory teams although all the cars are to works-spec in 2011 as there have been no evolutions of the new 1600 turbo WRC cars as yet and Mads Ostberg has stepped up his game in a Fiesta WRC to be lying 6th in the championship.

Drivers Standings after Rally Finland

1 st	S Loeb	Citroën Total WRT	171
2 nd	M Hirvonen	Ford Abu Dhabi WRT	144
3 rd	S Ogier	Citroën Total WRT	140
4 th	J Latvala	Ford Abu Dhabi WRT	96
5 th	P Solberg	Petter Solberg WRT	83
6 th	M Ostberg	M-Sport Stobart Ford	56
7 th	M Wilson	M-Sport Stobart Ford	40
8 th	K Raikkonen	Ice 1 Racing	26

Manufacturer Standings after Rally Finland

1 st	Citroën Total World Rally Team	290
2 nd	Ford Abu Dhabi World Rally Team	225
3 rd	M-Sport Stobart Ford WRT	101
4 th	Petter Solberg WRT	71
5 th	Ice 1 Racing	38
6 th	Munchi's Ford WRT	32

Senior Officials Briefing

As part of the overall pre-event training, to help all the senior officials focus on the forthcoming challenge of running a WRC event we are running a senior officials' briefing in September.

The briefing is a key opportunity for all those senior officials involved in running the event from across the UK to get together and network as well as be brought up to speed on the latest FIA changes. It also offers the ability to review the 2010 FIA Observer's Report and plan any necessary changes or identify areas where key aspects need reinforcing to officials and marshals in other briefings and training.

On the day the senior officials will also need to reflect upon a raft of health and safety issues associated with running a WRC event and the consequences of managing incidents at that level.

In previous years we have run a 'mock' event on this day to bring those Rally Control personnel up to speed in working together as a finely honed team. This year we are not running this exercise but are instead focussing upon the briefing required as a consequence of taking the event to North Wales.

Training Evenings

We will be running club training evenings for any clubs that are interested and will also ensure that we cover the requirements of the MSA for the National Marshals Registration during the evening.

If any club is interested, please drop Ian Jarrett a note or call him directly to arrange.

Be part of the newsletter....

Please let us know if you have any ideas for inclusion in the newsletter, or even if you want to write a small column yourself. Do you have any tips for fellow marshals regarding equipment or perhaps a suggestion regarding the running of the event? If so, please contact me on prees@walesrallygb.com



Outline Event Timetable (All timings approx for 1st car)

Wednesday 9th November

Shakedown - Builth Wells 09:00

Thursday 10th November

Ceremonial Start - Llandudno 14:30
SS1 - Great Orme 1 14:35
SS2 - Great Orme 2 14:52
SS3 - Clocaenog 16:15
Service A - Llandudno (Remote) 18:14

Friday 11th November

SS4 - Gartheiniog 1 07:30
SS5 - Dyfi West 1 08:27
SS6 - Dyfi East 1 08:45
SS7 - Dyfnant 1 09:43
Service B - Builth Wells 11:55
SS8 - Dyfi West 2 14:15
SS9 - Dyfi East 2 14:33
SS10 - Gartheiniog 2 14:48
SS11 - Dyfnant 2 15:53
Service C - Builth Wells 18:08

Saturday 12th November

Service D - Builth Wells 08:04
SS12 - Hafren 1 09:29
SS13 - Sweet Lamb 1 10:10
SS14 - Myherin 1 10:31
Service E - Builth Wells 12:04
SS15 - Hafren 2 13:59
SS16 - Sweet Lamb 2 14:40
SS17 - Myherin 2 15:01
Service F - Builth Wells 16:34

Sunday 13th November

Service G - Builth Wells 06:54
SS18 - Halfway 1 07:43
SS19 - Crychan 1 08:11
SS20 - Monument 1 08:47
Service H - Builth Wells 09:22
SS21 - Halfway 2 10:36
SS22 - Crychan 2 11:04
SS23 - Monument 2 (Power Stage) 12:11
Service I - Builth Wells 12:46
Finish Cardiff 15:07

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