



The Tabard - October 2011

Welcome to the third edition of "The Tabard" - the marshals' newsletter for Wales Rally GB. Previous newsletters are available to download from the event website if you would like to take a look. This newsletter includes information on the rest of our 2011 training programme, an update on the WRC and further information for marshals of the event. We hope this will allow you to keep up-to-date with the event as an essential part of the team.

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Marshals Liaison and Newsletter Editor

Post-Out Information for Wales Rally GB 2011

As with previous events, we will be sending marshals car passes, directions for signing on and other key information to group leaders in the run up to the event. This will be sent out at the end of October but may be sent from different locations so you may not receive it all on the same day. Please don't contact the staffing officers chasing your paperwork prior to 3rd November.

Free Access to Service for Marshals

This year, we are once again happy to be able to allow marshals access to the service park to spectate for free. All you need to do is follow the spectator access to the car park and show your personal marshals pass (given to you at stage signing on). The service park operates from Friday to Sunday and is well worth a look if you aren't on-stage during that time.

WRGB Training Slides

We have uploaded the slide presentations from previous training sessions onto the WRGB website for you to view if you wish. They are password protected so that only registered marshals can view them. The access details are via the Marshal tab and under restricted access.

The Username is **MARSHAL11** and the Password is **WRGB11** - Please note that the Username and Password are case sensitive, so both should all be in capitals. Once logged in there is a Status message in the right hand column, above the related links section, and a log out option is here.

Full stages

There are a few stages on Wales Rally GB that are now full and will not be accepting any further marshal or radio enrolments. These are shown on the time schedule at the end of the newsletter but are currently Great Orme on Thursday, Dyfi East on Friday, Myherin on Saturday and Monument on Sunday.

Training Evenings

We now have our final training sessions arranged for the event. If you'd like to attend any of them, please send an email to training@walesrallygb.com or call Ian Jarrett on 07710 296308 and he will arrange for one of our experienced training team to contact you in order to find a suitable date.

Monday 17th October 2011 (7.30pm - 10:00pm)

Antrobus Arms, CW9 6JD - located on the A559 south of Warrington (M56 junction 10 heading towards Northwich)

Tuesday 18th October 2011 (7.30 pm - 10.00 pm)

Waterloo Motel, Betws Y Coed, Conwy, North Wales LL24 0AR. Tel: 01690 710411

Website: <http://www.waterloo-hotel.info/>

Thursday 20 October 2011 (7.30 pm - 10.00pm)

Farmers Arms, The Waen, nr St Asaph, Denbighshire, North Wales LL17 0DY. Tel: 01745 582190

Website: <http://www.the-farmers-arms.co.uk/>

WRC Timing Training Day

Saturday 22nd October 2011 (10:30am - 4:00pm)

The Grange, Bristfield Rd, Grange Moor, Wakefield. West Yorkshire WF4 4DX. Tel: 01924 849 669

<http://www.thegrangewakefield.co.uk>

Attendees should arrive any time after 10.00am for a 10.30am start- tea and coffee available on arrival. The day starts with an indoor briefing followed by hands on use of the specific WRC timing equipment which will be set up in the car park. This day is open to anyone but obviously preference will be given to those people who are due to be undertaking a timekeeping role on WRGB. The day should provide people with an ideal opportunity to become familiar with the equipment, timecards and procedures before the event itself.

Please contact Jon Binns with your names and the details of where you are timing on the event via 01257 241680 or clocaenog@wrgb.co.uk to confirm your attendance of the WRC Timing Training Day.



2011 WRC Roundup

Rally France, was held in the Alsace region over the weekend of 30th Sept to 2nd Oct 2011 and proved to be one of the most surprising events of the year.

Whilst the start was predictable, with Citroen ace Sebastien Loeb leading out of the blocks, a rare engine failure put paid to his event on the 1st day. His team-mate Sebastien Ogier then took on the mantle of team No 1 driver but couldn't pull away from the hard charging Dani Sordo in his Mini. Elsewhere, the Ford pairing of Hirvonen and Latvala both hit issues, dropping them down the order while Petter Solberg pushed hard. At the end of the Friday stages, Dani Sordo led from Petter Solberg with Ogier in 3rd and Kris Meeke (Mini) in 4th.

Saturday's stages resembled the German vineyards to an extent and it was here that Ogier and Sordo played cat and mouse before Ogier managed to eke out a 10 second lead going into Day 3 whilst Petter Solberg was a solid third. The Sunday stages again saw Ogier and Sordo swap times, but Ogier finished on top of the podium in his Citroen DS3, Sordo a strong 2nd in the Mini and Petter Solberg in 3rd. Latvala dropped time on the last day to help Mikko Hirvonen climb the championship ladder and challenge Loeb for the title. However at post-event scrutineering, Petter Solberg's car was found to be 4kg underweight and he was disqualified meaning everyone shifted up a place.

Going into the last 2 events of the season, we now have both Loeb and Hirvonen tied for 1st on 196 points with Ogier in 3rd with 193 points. This may be the most exciting season finale for many years in the WRC - can Loeb make it another one or will Hirvonen or Ogier be able to snatch the title away?

Drivers' Standings after Rally France

1 st	S Loeb	Citroën Total WRT	196
2 nd	M Hirvonen	Ford Abu Dhabi WRT	196
3 rd	S Ogier	Citroën Total WRT	193
4 th	J Latvala	Ford Abu Dhabi WRT	131
5 th	P Solberg	Petter Solberg WRT	110
6 th	M Ostberg	M-Sport Stobart Ford	62

Manufacturer Standings after Rally France

1 st	Citroën Total World Rally Team	372
2 nd	Ford Abu Dhabi World Rally Team	318
3 rd	M-Sport Stobart Ford WRT	133
4 th	Petter Solberg WRT	98

Last minute info and Marshals Checklist

Please remember to bring everything with you from home especially your passes and joining instructions. You'll be able to go onto the website and download any additional information you wish prior to leaving so you'll have plenty to read and of course when you arrive you'll also get a WRGB programme to give you all the latest on the teams, competitors etc.

Please remember to look after your own safety first so that you can continue to look after the safety of others. Also remember to be in position early (even if you do this in a shift system) as it's much easier to keep spectators out of an area than it is to move them once they've become established. The same is true for the gap between the first and second runs especially on the Sunday when the National Rally is not running. On the Friday and Saturday the gap will be about 10 minutes between the International and the National with an opening Car travelling between the two runs. The gap after the Nationals will be longer at approximately 2 hours on the Friday with Course Cars travelling through during that time and 1 hour on the Saturday again with Course Cars.

If you do need to take a break during this gap PLEASE can you leave a skeleton marshalling crew on duty and then swap places so you can all have a break but still retain a marshalling presence at your location. If there is anything we need to share we will either issue a further Newsletter or include the information with your post out instructions.

Things to remember before you leave home:

- Sensible shoes/boots
- Change of socks
- Hat
- Scarf
- Gloves
- Waterproof Coat
- Torch
- Whistle
- Phone & charger
- Pens
- Paper
- Sign on sheet
- Passes for each day
- Maps
- Contact Details
- MSA Personal Record Card
- Food
- Drinks
- Any medication you may need
- Most importantly - A sense of humour



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

Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th November

Recce - Various Stages

Wednesday 9th November

Shakedown - Builth Wells 09:00

Thursday 10th November

Ceremonial Start - Llandudno 14:30
SS1 - Great Orme 1 - FULL 14:35
SS2 - Great Orme 2 - FULL 14:52
SS3 - Clocaenog 16:15
Service A - Llandudno (Remote) 18:22

Friday 11th November

SS4 - Gartheiniog 1 07:30
SS5 - Dyfi West 1 08:27
SS6 - Dyfi East 1 - FULL 08:45
SS7 - Dyfnant 1 09:35
Service B - Builth Wells 11:50
SS8 - Dyfi West 2 14:10
SS9 - Dyfi East 2 - FULL 14:28
SS10 - Gartheiniog 2 14:43
SS11 - Dyfnant 2 15:48
Service C - Builth Wells 18:03

Saturday 12th November

Service D - Builth Wells 07:56
SS12 - Hafren 1 09:21
SS13 - Sweet Lamb 1 10:02
SS14 - Myherin 1 - FULL 10:20
Service E - Builth Wells 11:53
SS15 - Hafren 2 13:48
SS16 - Sweet Lamb 2 14:29
SS17 - Myherin 2 - FULL 14:47
Service F - Builth Wells 16:20

Sunday 13th November

Service G - Builth Wells 06:51
SS18 - Halfway 1 07:40
SS19 - Crychan 1 08:08
SS20 - Monument 1 - FULL 08:44
Service H - Builth Wells 09:19
SS21 - Halfway 2 10:33
SS22 - Crychan 2 11:01
SS23 - Monument 2 (Power Stage) FULL 12:08
Service I - Builth Wells 12:43
Finish Cardiff 14:52

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