



The Tabard

RALLY OF GREAT BRITAIN
MARSHALS NEWSLETTER

The Tabard - August 2009

Welcome to the 2nd marshals newsletter for the 2009 Rally of Great Britain (formerly Wales Rally GB). In this newsletter we give an update to the enrolment process for the event, the familiar WRC update and of course the event timetable and some revised contact details. So please, read on.

Paul Rees

Marshals Liaison and Newsletter Editor

What happened to Wales Rally GB? Why the change of title for the event?

Anyone who read the last newsletter will know that the event lost its main sponsor - the Welsh Assembly Government - due to a contractual difference earlier in the year, but efforts to patch the relationship were ongoing.

These efforts didn't manage to resolve the issue, and the event still needs to run, so the event name has changed for 2009 from Wales Rally GB to the Rally of Great Britain. We are still running in Wales (as per the stage listing on the back of the newsletter) and have been welcomed and supported by all the local authorities we participate in, it's just that the event title is different.

What about the 2010 Rally of Great Britain?

The good news is that we definitely have a place in the 2010 World Rally Championship calendar - provisionally slated for 12th-14th November 2010. At the moment, various ideas are being discussed for the location of the event, but nothing concrete has yet been decided. The relaxation in the format of the event and the loss of the event's sponsor means that there may be changes coming...

Enrolling for the Rally of Great Britain

Enrolment for the event is now well underway with over a third of the event's marshalling force already signed up through the Rally Stage Team website and portal. Please enrol as soon as you can for your stages and roles, so we can try to ensure you get your first choice of stages as some are rapidly filling up.

2009 World Rally Championship Update

Rally Finland was certainly another exciting round to watch in the championship. From the first forest stage, Ford lead driver Mikko Hirvonen took the lead of the event, never to relinquish it despite lots of pressure from the Citroen star Sebastien Loeb. Meanwhile Jari-Matti Latvala took his Ford Focus to third ahead of the Citroen of Dani Sordo. Fifth was an excellent finishing position for Matti Rantanen, in the Munchi's Ford Focus, who had the measure of the rest of the field. Perhaps the most impressive moment was from Evgeny Novikov, who managed to make his Citroen launch upwards like a plane taking off on the Finnish jumps.

2009 World Rally Championship Standings

Driver Standings after Rally Finland

1 st	M Hirvonen	BP Ford	68
2 nd	S Loeb	Citroen	65
3 rd	D Sordo	Citroen	44
4 th	J Latvala	BP Ford	31
5 th	H Solberg	Stobart VK Ford	27
6 th	P Solberg	Solberg WRT	25

Manufacturer Standings after Rally Finland

1 st	Citroen Total World Rally Team	119
2 nd	BP Ford Abu Dhabi World Rally	105
3 rd	Stobart VK M-Sport Ford Rally Team	64
4 th	Citroen Junior Rally Team	33
5 th	Munchi's Ford World Rally Team	20



Outline Event Timetable

(All timings approx for 1st car)

Tuesday 20th October

Recce - Central and Mid Wales All day

Wednesday 21st October

Recce - South Wales All day

Thursday 22nd October

Shakedown - Margam 08.00
Ceremonial Start - Cardiff 19.00

Friday 23rd October

TC0 - Cardiff 06:00
SS1 - Hafren 1 09.25
SS2 - Sweet Lamb 1 10.06
SS3 - Myherin 1 10.24
Service A - Builth Wells (Remote) 11:57
SS4 - Hafren 2 13.34
SS5 - Sweet Lamb 2 14.15
SS6 - Myherin 2 14.33
Service B - Cardiff 18:18

Saturday 24th October

Service C - Cardiff 07:10
SS7 - Rhondda 1 08.33
SS8 - Crychan 1 10.31
SS9 - Halfway 1 10.58
Service D - Cardiff 13.08
SS10 - Rhondda 2 14.56
SS11 - Crychan 2 16:54
SS12 - Halfway 2 17:21
Service E - Cardiff 19:31

Sunday 25th October

Service F - Cardiff 07.10
SS13 - Port Talbot 1 08:28
SS14 - Rheola 1 09.27
SS15 - Port Talbot 2 10.58
SS16 - Rheola 2 11.57
Service G - Cardiff 13:42
Finish - Cardiff 14:30

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