



# The Tabard

RALLY OF GREAT BRITAIN  
MARSHALS NEWSLETTER

## The Tabard - September 2009

With just under a month left to the Rally of Great Britain, we present the 3<sup>rd</sup> marshals newsletter for the 2009 event. This newsletter has details of part of the training schedule, some further details of the enrolment procedures for the 2009 event and the now familiar WRC update.

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Marshals Liaison and Newsletter Editor

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### 2009 Training News

General training for this year's event will cover:

- Rally of Great Britain changes from 2008
- 2009 route and general information about the event
- Spectator Management - the friendly way
- Timing - new time cards and check sheets
- Incident Handling - scenarios may be included where appropriate

Training will usually take place at Club meetings on weekday evenings. The following confirmed dates and venues are now left:

**8th October - 19:15 to 20:45 in Mansfield.**  
Hosted by Dukeries Motor Club at Mansfield Rugby Club, Eakring Road, Mansfield, Nottinghamshire. NG18 3EW. Contact Paul Rees on prees@rallygb.org or leave your details on 07092 000583 to book a place.

**14th October - 19:30 to 21:00 near Newport.**  
Hosted by Ecurie Cymraeg at Nantpenar Workmens Club, Llanover Street, Abercarn, Newport, NP11 4SX. Special Guest - Nicky Grist who will be giving the competitors view of the event. Please contact Bob Long on chiefmarshal@ecurie-cymraeg.co.uk or on 07769 661030 to book a place.

**Date / Time TBA - Porth, South Wales.**

Additionally there may be further local training in and around South Wales which Ian Howells will be arranging. Any information on this, please contact him direct on either 01443 675544 or via email on ihowells@rallygb.org

### Last minute enrolment on 2009 Rally GB ...

With a month to go to the event, we want to ensure that all marshals that want to volunteer for the event are able to do so easily and manage to get their passes and instructions in time.

In order to enrol on the event as a marshal you have to either enrol for the stages using the [www.rallystageteam.co.uk](http://www.rallystageteam.co.uk) website (this makes it easier for us to manage your details) or by contacting a staffing officer using the details overleaf. Radios can either enrol using the [www.rallystageteam.co.uk](http://www.rallystageteam.co.uk) system or by contacting a radio staffing officer.

The staffing officers and the event staffing system at [www.rallystageteam.co.uk](http://www.rallystageteam.co.uk) will allow you to enrol in the event until Friday 16<sup>th</sup> of October 2009. The system will then be closed to new enrolments as anyone enrolling after this time will not be able to receive their passes in time.

Please note that certain stages are already full so the later you leave it to enrol, the less chance of your choice of stage being available.

### Marshals Goodies

With the issues regarding event sponsorship still unresolved and the MSA underwriting the costs of the event, this years Rally GB is a much more bare-bones affair than the last few years.

However that doesn't mean that we have cut out all the marshals goodies - after all you are the guys on the sharp end doing the work out-and-about but we have had to cut back a little. Therefore you will be glad to know that we are once again supplying the annual event pin-badge and we have a nice hat as a small thank-you from the event as well as an event programme.



## Pass Sending and Information

Stage Commanders and regional teams will be sending out car passes and instructions to group leaders from 12<sup>th</sup> October. If your group leader has not received their car passes by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October than please contact a staffing officer or use the rallystageteam system to contact the relevant stage team but DO NOT contact them prior to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October as they may still be in the post until then. We are aware that there may be more delays with the post than usual so that's why we have planned slightly in advance of previous years.

The rallystageteam system will have signing on instructions available for some stages as well as the electronic signing on cards for you to bring with you. You will NOT be able to download car passes from the rallystageteam site so ensure that your information is up-to-date in the system as soon as possible to help avoid possible issues.

## 2009 World Rally Championship Update

Rally Australia made a welcome return to the WRC with a move across the country to a new base on the east-coast. Young Citroen Junior driver Sebastien Ogier took the event lead on Thursday night but was overhauled by Jari-Matti Latvala in the Ford Focus on the Friday stages.

Jari-Matti went into Saturday running first on the road as the overnight leader but dropped time due to this road position finishing Saturday in 4<sup>th</sup> whilst Ogier had some offs and dropped down to 5<sup>th</sup> at the end of Saturday. Sebastien Loeb started the event quickly but steadily as did his team-mate Dani Sordo and some strategic time-losses on the final stages of the legs meant that it was Sordo who led at the end of the Saturday stages, 0.1 seconds ahead of Loeb. Meanwhile Mikko Hirvonen, championship leader also made a steady start and was 3<sup>rd</sup> into Sunday but was tying with Loeb on time meaning that just 0.1 seconds separated the top three drivers after 197.58km of Special Stages. However due to the road positions for the last day being decided before the final Saturday superspecials it was Mikko Hirvonen who would be first on the road on the Sunday.

On Sunday, Loeb took full advantage of being 2<sup>nd</sup> on the road to rival Mikko Hirvonen and put in some stunning fastest stage times to overhaul his team-mate Sordo and take the lead. He would finish the event in 1<sup>st</sup> position after the final stage. Dani Sordo played an excellent supporting role to Loeb and finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> position whilst Mikko Hirvonen, hampered by his final days road position tried valiantly to keep up- but couldn't match the pace finished the stages in 3<sup>rd</sup> position.

However the event had a twist in store - At post-event scrutineering, the anti-roll bar on Loeb's Citroen was found to be different to the homologated part meaning that the event stewards handed down a 1 minute penalty to Loeb, Sordo and Ogier. This in-turn promoted Hirvonen to 1<sup>st</sup> position, with Loeb in 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sordo in 3<sup>rd</sup>. Latvala finished in 4<sup>th</sup> position and Ogier in 5<sup>th</sup>.

With Loeb and Sordo expected to score well on their favourite surface at Rally Catalunya, the championship certainly looks like it could be won or lost in the Welsh forests of Rally GB.

## 2009 World Rally Championship Standings

### *Driver Standings after Rally Australia*

1 <sup>st</sup>	M Hirvonen	BP Ford	78
2 <sup>nd</sup>	S Loeb	Citroen	73
3 <sup>rd</sup>	D Sordo	Citroen	50
4 <sup>th</sup>	J Latvala	BP Ford	36
5 <sup>th</sup>	H Solberg	Stobart VK Ford	29
6 <sup>th</sup>	P Solberg	Solberg WRT	25

### *Manufacturer Standings after Rally Australia*

1 <sup>st</sup>	Citroen Total World Rally Team	133
2 <sup>nd</sup>	BP Ford Abu Dhabi World Rally	120
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Stobart VK M-Sport Ford Rally Team	69
4 <sup>th</sup>	Citroen Junior Rally Team	37
5 <sup>th</sup>	Munchi's Ford World Rally Team	21



### Outline Event Timetable

(All timings approx for 1<sup>st</sup> car)

#### Tuesday 20th October

Recce - Central and Mid Wales All day

#### Wednesday 21st October

Recce - South Wales All day

#### Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Shakedown - Margam 08.00  
Ceremonial Start - Cardiff 19.00 FULL

#### Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October

TC0 - Cardiff 06:00  
SS1 - Hafren 1 09.23  
SS2 - Sweet Lamb 1 10.04  
SS3 - Myherin 1 10.22  
Service A - Builth Wells (Remote) 11:55  
SS4 - Hafren 2 13.33  
SS5 - Sweet Lamb 2 14.12  
SS6 - Myherin 2 14.30  
Service B - Cardiff 18:10

#### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October

Service C - Cardiff 07:10  
SS7 - Rhondda 1 08.35  
SS8 - Crychan 1 10.26  
SS9 - Halfway 1 10.54  
Service D - Cardiff 13.04  
SS10 - Rhondda 2 15.00  
SS11 - Crychan 2 16:51  
SS12 - Halfway 2 17:19  
Service E - Cardiff 19:29

#### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October

Service F - Cardiff 07.10  
SS13 - Port Talbot 1 08:28  
SS14 - Rheola 1 09.27  
SS15 - Port Talbot 2 10.56  
SS16 - Rheola 2 11.55  
Service G - Cardiff 13:50  
Finish - Cardiff 14:35

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#### Marshals Forum:

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#### Official Website:

<http://www.rallygb.org>

#### Online Enrolment:

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