

Bulletin 3 – August 2009

First of all I have to announce that I will be stepping down from the Championship at the end of this year. I have been involved since around 1994 when I first started to compete on championship rounds (I even came second one year!) and have now been running it for over ten years. It's not been an easy decision to make. You will no doubt have noticed the slow results service after some rounds but more importantly I feel, I have, for a few years, struggled to get to many of the Championship events. This means I am not close enough to either the events or to contenders to be able to effectively judge events for selection and to know contenders better. The timing of my decision hopefully allows enough time for a new coordinator to step forward and to be able to put together their own calendar of events for next year, rather than pick up and run a calendar that I have put together.

So, if anyone fancies a go at coordinating the championship please let me know or ring me for a chat. I promise not to just dump things on you and run!

It's been noticeable on the last few events that the turn out from contenders has been pretty low compared to previous years and to other Championships. I'd be interested (and I'm sure any new coordinator would also!) to know why. So please let me know what changes you would like to see to entice you out on more events (besides lottery wins!!).

Nevertheless there are plenty of things going on. We have close battles emerging in both the Driver's and Navigator's Championships. Steve Crowther (460) heads the Driver's Championship by a mere 4 points from John Deegan (456) with Keith Turner (368) keeping in touch. Things are closer still in the Navigator's Championship with Giles Dykes (484) leading from David Batley (460), Tony King (440) and Chris Roe (404).

The next two events are the final rounds of the Tarmacadam Challenge. Steve (337) leads but he tends not to venture to many of the multi-venue rounds (go on Steve, Otterburn is fantastic!) so this may give John (329) or Steve Noble (225) a chance. Tony (337) leads David (337) and last year's overall Champion Paul Slingsby (221). All the class positions are still wide open depending on who enters what event.... And how quick they are!

Next Events

Pendragon Stages **Sunday 30th August** www.pendragonstages.co.uk

Next tarmacadam challenge event based in Penrith is oversubscribed so I hope you got your entry in early if you wanted a run!

Lindisfarne Rally **Sunday 13th September** www.tynemouthmotorclub.co.uk

Entries are open for this tarmacadam event on the Otterburn ranges. £295 for 100 smooth miles. Contact Pamela Firth, 01670 791204, email: entries@planetfirth.co.uk.

I have an entry in, so car reliability pending, I hope to see you there.

Trackrod Clubman's Forest Rally **Saturday 26th September** www.rallyyorkshire.co.uk

Based at the Northern Events Arena at Pickering, this is the Clubman's section of Rally Yorkshire and offers 45 miles in the Yorkshire Forests for £460. Contact Chris Sanderson (trackrod.rally@talktalk.net) 01937 587508

That's it for now. Cheers

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