

1984 Audi Sport National Rally

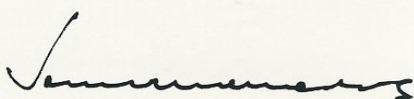
After an extremely successful event in 1983 we at Audi are delighted to be returning to Wales as the sponsors of the 1984 Audi Sport National Rally and hopefully this year's event will attract the top international names that made the 1983 rally so exciting for both competitors and spectators alike.

Based again in Aberystwyth, the Audi Sport National includes one or two different stages for competitors and also better spectator facilities for the tremendous number of people who now follow the Shell Oils/Autosport British Rally Championship of which our event is the final round of the 1984 series.

The series which has this year seen an Audi Sport backed entry, the development Audi 80 Quattro driven by Darryl Weidner, as well as an ever increasing number of works backed entries from other manufacturers, who clearly recognise the importance and value of the championship, for development of both cars and drivers.

Audi as technological leaders of the motor industry, originally saw rallying as the ideal proving ground for their products and a way to continue improvement of the Audi range. And the success of the turbocharged Audi Quattro over the past four years, has played an important part in the development of 4 wheel drive in the Audi range, which over the next few months will be available as an option throughout almost all the Audi model line up.

The Audi National Rally as usual offers not only an exciting end to the British National Championship, but a traditional warm up to the combined RAC Rally, which uses many of the stages in the Audi and I hope this year's rally will provide the excitement and entertainments of last year's event despite equally traditional damp Welsh weather conditions.



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Audi Sport National Rally.

Welcome to the Audi National Rally and our new sponsors for this the last round of the RAC Shell Oils/Autosport National Rally Championship.

Once again the W'ton & South Staffs. Car Club Ltd have arranged a compact route for competitors using some 80 miles of tracks in the well known and renowned mid Wales Forestry Commission forests with the start and finish based at Aberystwyth.

In addition to providing a fitting climax to what has been an excellent championship the organisers welcome prospective competitors to the Lombard RAC International Rally next month who will be using today to view some of the stages to be used on that event.

We wish everyone a happy and enjoyable day and we look forward to seeing you at the prize giving.

Officials of the Audi Sport National Rally.

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TODAY'S EVENT

The Audi Sport National Rally 1984 is organised by the Wolverhampton & South Staffs Car Club Ltd and is the final round of the Shell Oils/ Autosport/RAC National Rally Championship.

The event is held under the General Regulations of The RAC Motor Sports'Association Ltd (incorporating the provision of the International Sporting Code of the F.I.A.) and the Supplementary Regulations issued by the promoting club.

PAST WINNERS OF THE RALLY

1958	Tony Fisher/Jim Thomas	1971	Not held
1959	Bill Bengry/Peter Roberts	1972	Pat Ryan/Mike Nicholson
1960	Tom Gold/Stuart Turner	1973	Not held
1961	Brian Harper/Ron Crellin	1974	Tony Drummond/Dave Richards
1962	Pat Moss/David Stone	1975	Tony Fowkes/Brian Harris
1963	Tony Fisher/Brian Melia	1976	Russell Brookes/John Brown
1964	Reg McBride/Don Barrow	1977	Penti Airikkala/John Gittins
1965	David Frizwell/Richard Binns	1978	Penti Airikkala/Mike Nicholson
1966	Malcolm Gibbs/Randall Morgan	1979	Ari Vatanen/Dave Richards
1967	Tony Chappell/Hywel Thomas	1980	Jimmy McRae/Mike Nicholson
1968	Colin Malkin/John Brown	1981	Henri Toivonen/Fred Gallagher
1969	John Bloxham/Richard Harper	1982	Markku Alen/Ilkka Kivimaki.
1970	Not held	1913	Michele Mouton /Sue Baker

N o t i c e WARNING TO THE PUBLIC

MOTOR SPORT IS DANGEROUS

"It is a condition of admission that all persons having any connection with the promotion and/or organisation and/or conduct of the meeting, including the owners of the land and the drivers and owners of the vehicles and passengers in the vehicles, are absolved from all liability arising out of accidents causing damage or personal injury (whether fatal or otherwise) however caused to spectators or ticket holders"

SPECTATOR INFORMATION

FRIDAY OCTOBER 19th

Scrutineering and documentation will take place at Meirion Motors premises in Park Avenue, Aberystwyth from 6p.m. to 8.30p.m. when you can see the cars being checked over.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 20th

The rally will start from the promenade in Marine Terrace with the cars departing at 1 minute intervals from 9.15a.m. A commentary on the leading crews and their cars will be provided. This year the main spectator stage will be located in the Dyfi (Dovey) forest, entrance at map reference 124/846099 and visitors will be able to see the competitors passing the viewing point at approximately 10.15a.m. and again at 2.30p.m.

Spectators will also be welcome in the Dyfnant forest where the first car is due around noon. Please enter the forest at 125/019133.

This year the service area, where cars will stop for approximately 25 minutes will be at the municipal car park in Machynlleth with the first crews expected at around 11am. Spectators should note there is no parking space in the service area and they should use the side streets around the area subject to the usual Road Traffic regulations. The Rally is expected to finish around 4.30p.m. when the cars begin to arrive back in Aberystwyth and the leading five competitors will be scheduled to line up in their final positions for interviews close to the Shell Oils caravan parked opposite the Belle Vue Hotel.

DO'S AND DONT'S - IMPORTANT

Wolverhampton & South Staffs Car Club Ltd. wish to draw the attention of all visitors to the Audi Sport National Rally to the following notes which are printed for your guidance and the club hope you will be good enough to comply with them as the future of rallying depends very much on the responsible behaviour of spectators and competitors alike.

Remember first of all that rally cars will often be reaching speeds in excess of 100mph and on forest surfaces, particularly in the wet, the margin of error is very small indeed. By following the simple rules set out you will be doing your bit to make the event safe and enjoyable for everyone.

DO NOT— *Stand in prohibited areas which are clearly marked.*

Stand on the outside of corner or piles of logs or anything else.

Obstruct escape routes which are clearly marked.

Stand in front of directional arrows or any signs helpful to competitors.

Park your car where it will cause obstruction or annoyance.

Stand in front of tree lines on stages.

Use minor roads being used by rally traffic.

Obstruct competitors and service crews at service areas.

Cause annoyance by driving at high speed on public roads.

Walk along stages when competitors are approaching.

Pull down fences, gates, trees or anything else.

PLEASE — *Follow marshalls instructions — they are for your benefit.*

Keep children under supervision at all times.

Keep dogs on a secure leash at all times.

Drive carefully when leaving stages.

Arrive early at spectator stages.

Take your litter home with you when you leave.

Remember to treat local residents with consideration and courtesy.

FIGHT TO THE FINISH

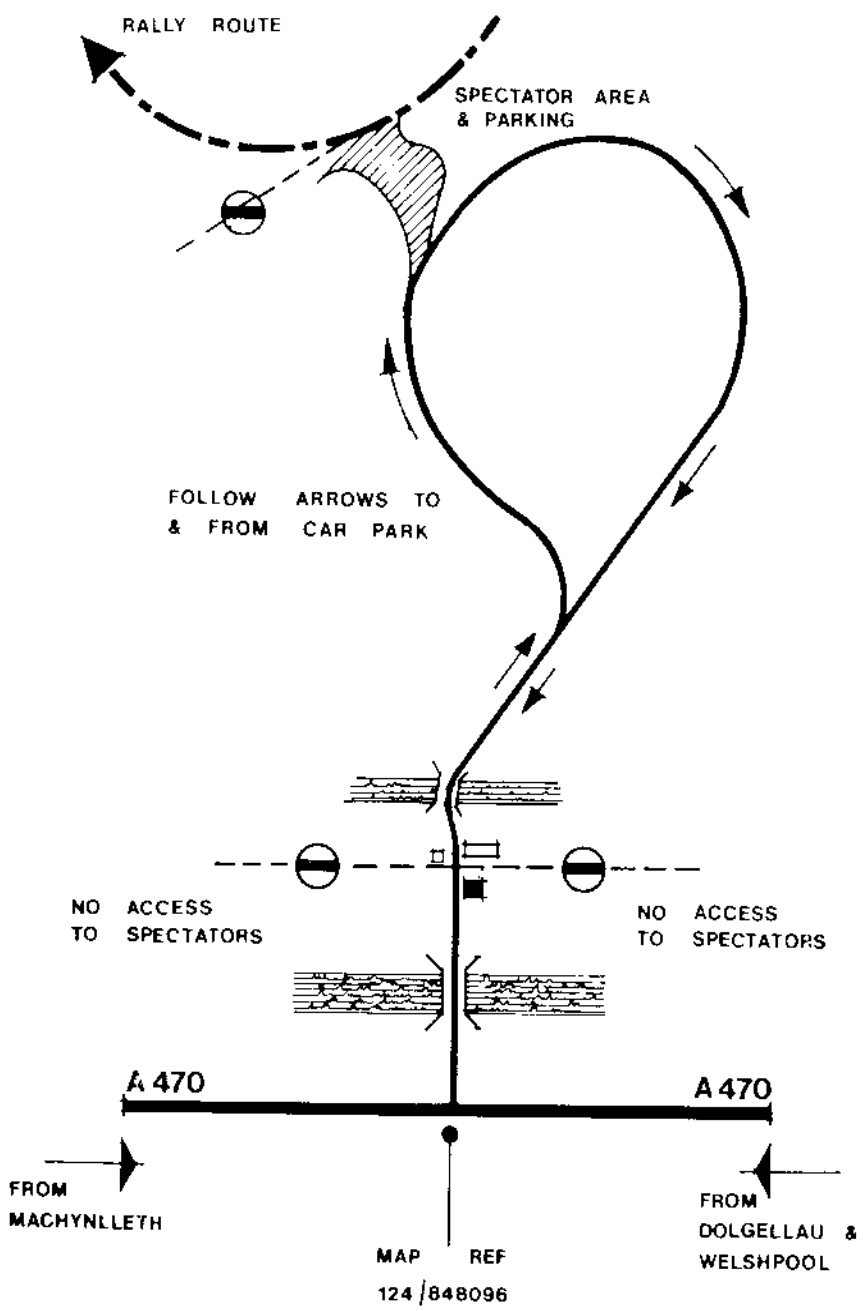
For the second year in succession the Audi National Rally has a special significance in the Shell Oils/Autosport RAC National Rally Championship for the outcome of the championship will not be known until the cars return to Aberystwyth this evening.

The battle to hold the national title for the next 12 months is between three crews, all in different makes of car and whoever takes the crown will be a deserving champion for the Audi Sport National is one of the toughest in the series.

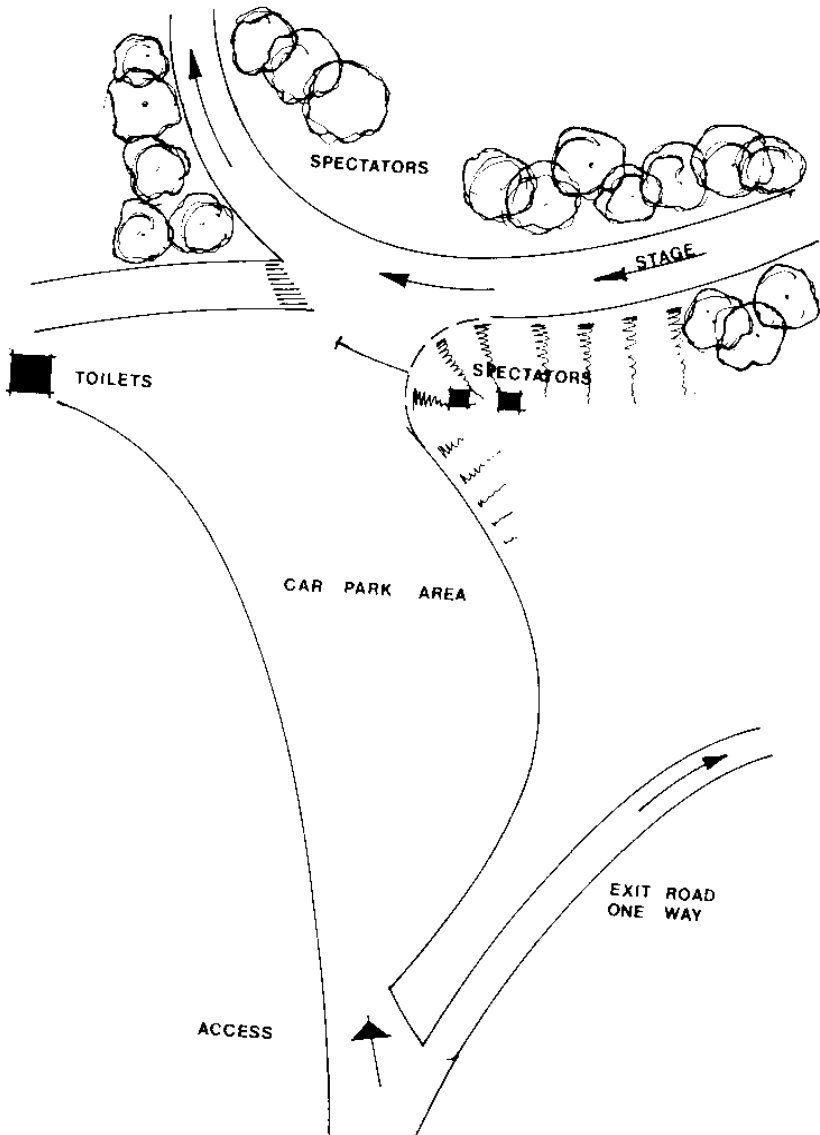
Louise Aitken-Walker, the lass from Duns, has been the most consistent driver of the entire series and she starts the last event with a narrow five point lead in her R.E.D. Sierra Turbo development car which has been getting better all through the season.

Behind her is Phil Collins, the extrovert Hereford star in his GM Dealersport supported Opel Manta who has won three of the eight events so far and only two points behind him and making a late bid for the title is the Haverfordwest farmer David Llewellyn who will certainly not be short of support both during and after the event for it is rumoured the whole of Pembrokeshire is taking the day off to support the best Welsh hope for top honours for a few years.

LOCATION PLAN OF SPECTATOR STAGE
MAP REF 124/848096



SPECTATOR AREA



AWARDS

The following is a list of the awards to be won on today's event and they will be presented tonight at the Marine Hotel, Aberystwyth, at about 9.30pm.

First overall: A Heuer wristwatch to both driver and co-driver. Second overall: A set of 4 BBS Wheels " 4. Third overall: Crew neck sweaters to driver and co-driver Fourth overall: Crew neck sweaters to driver and co-driver Fifth overall: Crew neck sweaters to driver and co-driver Spirit of the

Rally Award: Audi Sport rally jacket to each crew member Private Entrant Awards

First: One set Hella 2000 lights to each member of crew

Second: Audi rally jacket to each member of crew

Third: Hella map lamp to each member of crew Class awards.

First in each class: Audi video tape to each member of crew Second in class : Hip flask to each member of crew Group A awards

The highest placed Group A car overall: The Tony Lloyd Davies Challenge Cup to the driver and the G J B Thorne Trophy to the co-driver.

The highest placed car in general classification driven by a crew from the Wton & South Staffs CC: The S W Fletcher Trophy and the Ron Moore Trophy.

Ladies award

The highest placed lady driver, subject to three starters; The Express £ Star Rose Bowl.

Ceredigion Dist Council Award

The highest placed Welsh resident driver: An award

Shell Oils/Autosport Awards

Awards to both leading registered driver and co-driver. Ford Escort Turbo Championship

First £100 Fourth £30

Second £ 70 Fifth £20

Third £ 40

There will be an award to the highest placed Escort Turbo registered driver in overall classification.

THE 1984 SHELL OILS/AUTOSPORT RAC NATIONAL RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP

The championship so far:

Round 1: Skip Brown Gwynedd Rally: March 10th

The 1983 Championship winner Darryl Weidner started where he left off by taking victory on the opening round. His Audi 80 Quattro was not ready and so 'old faithful' Big Banger was once again pressed into service. Phil Collins was runner-up for the second successive year and the find of the 1983 season David Llewellyn was third.

Tim Brise' Talbot Sunbeam, entered by rally sponsor Skip Brown, won Group A but top registered Group A driver John Midgley took the points in his immaculate Toyota Corolla.

Round 2: York National Rally: March 31st

Mr Weidner's new car made its debut but was somewhat upstaged by the appearance of Austin Rover's Metro 6R4 in the hands of Tony Pond. However the Metro, quick though it was, did not last the distance retiring with alternator failure thus handing victory to Weidner whose determined drive in a strange car gave him his second maximum score. Allan Edwards' rear wheel drive Escort was second and Louise Aitken's RED Sierra a fine third. John Midgley again took Group A finishing an excellent fourth overall.

Round 3: John Clark BMW Granite City Rally: April 14th

Darryl Weidner's run of good fortune came to a very abrupt end with an accident which wrote off his new car. Ken Wood's Rover Vitesse scored its first national championship win followed by the Escort of Bill Lymburn also having his best run to date. Donald Heggie was third and, by finishing fourth, Louise Aitken took the lead in the championship—the first time a woman has done so. John Midgley made it three in a row in Group A.

Round 4: Rothmans Manx Stages: May 12th

Phil Collins again stamped his authority on the event by taking the lead on the first stage and maintaining it to the finish. However on the last but one stage his Manta's propshaft began to give trouble and he tackled the last stage at a maximum of 50mph. Second overall was Mike Pattison in his recently acquired ex-Malcolm Wilson Escort G3 and third was Bill Dobie who finished the event in a cloud of smoke and with a very sick engine.

Round 5: Peter Russek Manuals Rally: August 4th.

The first wet Russek for many years provided David Llewellyn with a very popular win in a hired Escort. Louise Aitken and Ellen Morgan had to settle for second this time but maintained their lead in the championship.. Third was local man Bob Fowden in his Rover Vitesse.

In Group A Graham Elsmore beat John Midgley by half a minute in the battle of the Toyota Corollas.



Round 6: Rally Radio Link Mewla Stages' August 26th

Phil Collins confirmed his supremacy on tarmac by taking the laurels on this thrash over the Epynt ranges. Second was Mike Pattison's G 3 Escort, just in front of Tony Pond's Metro 6R4 recording his first finish in three attempts. Group A again fell to Graham Elsmore who was almost two minutes up on Midgley by the end of the day.

Round 7: Newcastle Moat House Lindisfarne Rally: September 1st

For the second time in six days Phil Collins had the first swig of the champagne after winning his first forest event in the Shell Oils series. After the demise of early leader Allan Edwards' four wheel drive Escort, Phil recorded a string of fastest stage times to finish in front of Roger Chilean's Escort and Louise Aitken—Walker's Sierra. With Graham Elsmore absent John Midgely won Group A and so confirmed himself as Group A champion with two events still remaining.

Round 8: Andrews Heat for Hire Cumbria Rally: September 29/30th

National Rally Champion in 1978 and 1979 Malcolm Wilson brought his Audi Quattro to his local event and was rewarded with a fine win after the demise of Tony Pond's Metro. Highest championship points scorer was David Llewellyn whose Nissan finished in second place with Roger Chilman again third.

Louise Aitken—Walker retired and Phil Collins took a maximum on one stage and eventually finished 19th. These two and Llewellyn come to the Audi Sport National Rally knowing that one of them will be the champion but which one

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