

AUDI SPORT NATIONAL RALLY

Welcome to the 1986 Audi Sport Rally, the final round of the RAC Marlboro/Autosport National Championship.

This year, as well as the classic Welsh forest stages for which the event is renowned, the extended 87 miles of special stage rallying also includes two additional stages at Loton Park. Indeed, while Rally Headquarters will remain at Shrewsbury, the event actually starts into the first stage at Loton.

The event provides a fitting climax to what has been an excellent championship, and the organizers also welcome prospective crews for the 1986 Lombard RAC Rally to be held next month, who will be using today's rally as part of their preparation for that event. .

We wish everybody a happy and safe day and look forward to seeing you at the prizegiving.

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TODAYS EVENT

The Audi Sport National Rally 1986 is organised by the Wolverhampton & South Staffs Car Club Ltd and is the final round of the Marlboro/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/Iikka Kivimaki
1970	Not held	1983	Michele Mouton/Sue Baker
		1984	Malcolm Wilson/Nigel Harris
		1985	Tony Pond/Rob Arthur

Notice

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 10th

The cars will assemble at The Shirehall in Shrewsbury 126/508124 between 17.00 hrs and 22.00 hrs.

Following on from this scrutineering will take place at Shrewsbury Motors from 17.30 hrs to 22.00 hrs.

Signing on this year is at the Radbrook Hotel, Radbrook Road, Shrewsbury (126/476520) from 17.30 hrs – 22.30 hrs. There will also be Rally films shown at the hotel while signing on is taking place.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 11th

This year spectators will have the opportunity of seeing the cars on three different stages.

The first is at the start of the Rally at Loton Park – 126/359144. To get to the stage follow the signs on the A458 and B4393 out of Shrewsbury.

Loton provides the first stage of the day with the first car due at 08.30 hrs.

A commentary on the leading crews and their cars will be provided. There will be a prize draw for spectators at Loton Park, the main prize being a day out with the Audi Sport Rally Team in 1987.

Spectators will also be welcome at Dyfnant Forest – 125/027150. Approach along the A458, turning north on to the B4395 at Llangadfan and follow the arrows. The first car is due at 10.00 hrs and 14.15 hrs.

The third spectator stage is Dyfi Forest. There are two points of entry.

Either 124/846099 – approach along the A470 south of the junction with the A458 at Mallwyd. Turn west at Aberangell and follow the arrows to the parking.

Or 124/815068 – approach along the A489. At Cemmaes Road turn on to the B4404 and follow the signs to the parking area.

The first car is due in Dyfi at 11.30 hrs.

The cars return to Loton Park for the last stage of the day with the first car due at 15.30 hrs.

Servicing this year is at the public car park in Machynlleth where the cars will stop for approximately 45 minutes. Spectators please note that private cars will not be allowed in the service area.

The Rally is expected to finish at around 16.00 hours when the cars begin to arrive back in Shrewsbury. The leading five competitors will line up in their final positions for interviews at The Shirehall – Shrewsbury. The Radbrook Hotel provides the setting for prizegiving which will commence at 21.30 hrs.

A final word on safety. Please take careful note of the spectator code of practice printed in this programme. It will ensure a safe and enjoyable day's motorsport.

HAVE A GOOD DAY!

Spectator Safety

Don't

- Stand on the track
- Stand below the level of the track
- Stand in front of arrows or signs
- Stand in Prohibited Areas
- Stand or sit on or near log piles walls or fences
- Sit close to the edge of the track
- Block escape routes
- Be distracted
- Play games with your safety or that of the drivers
- Remove Stage signs or arrows
- Be the one to stop the Stage

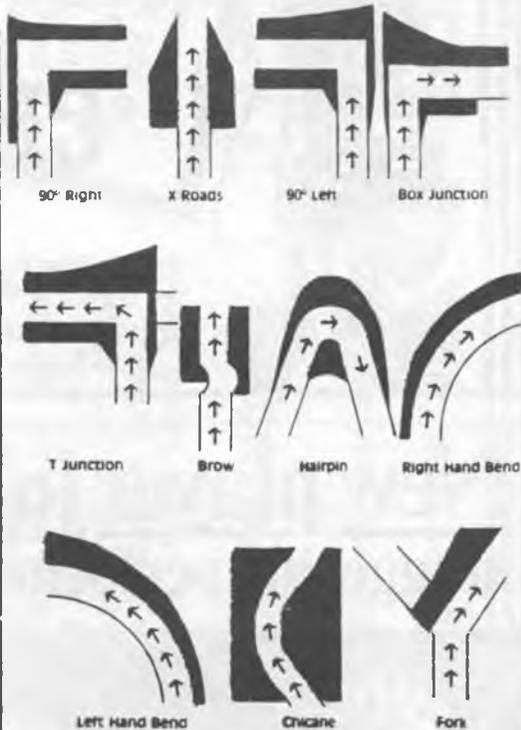
Always

- Expect the unexpected
- Listen for approaching cars
- Remain alert
- Leave yourself room to move quickly
- Try to keep behind something solid
- Keep children under supervision
- Keep dogs on a Lead
- Do as the Marshals ask
- Help the Marshals to run a safe Stage

Be Sure That -

- The unexpected can Happen
- If you ignore Marshals' instructions the stage will be stopped

Study the diagrams - the shaded areas are 'No - Go' Being there could cause delays or the cancellation of the Stage



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Please Protect

- Yourself
- Others around you
- This Stage
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STAY WHERE IT'S SAFE!

REVIEW OF THE 1986 MARLBORO NATIONAL RALLY CHAMPIONSHIP WITH AUTOSPORT

1986 saw a new sponsor — Philip Morris Ltd, through their brand name Marlboro — supporting and promoting the RAC Motor Sports Association's prestigious eight-round National Rally Championship.

As ever, the Championship began with a visit to the North Wales resort of Llandudno for the SKIP BROWN RALLY. Organised by the Caernarvonshire & Anglesey Motor Club, the event attracted an entry of 99 cars, including David Llewellyn, the 1984 National Rally Champion and Mark Lovell, the winner in 1985. The arctic-like conditions favoured the 4 wheel drive cars and so it was no surprise to see Llewellyn emerge clear winner ahead of Allan Edwards with Andrew Wood third. Simon Davison claimed Group A with 6th place overall.

The early year snow and then rapid thaw dealt a cruel blow to Tynemouth & District Motor Club. An 11th hour telex from the Forestry Commission left them without any option but to postpone their event until September.

So, the Championship took the high road to Aberdeen for the SONAT GRANITE CITY RALLY on 19 April and the blending of both the Esso Scottish and RAC National Rally Championships. A record 145 cars started the Rally with pre-event favourites Willie Rutherford and Ken Wood, expected to make the running. However, mixed weather conditions and 90+ miles of classic highland forest stages took their toll.

It was, therefore, somewhat of a surprise to see number 22 seeds, Alistair Sutherland and Peter Watts, take victory by just 2 seconds from Andrew Wood. Holland's, John Bosch, getting in some pre-Scottish practice, finished 3rd and number 88 seed, Alistair Inglis won Group A in his Nissan Blue Bird. After 2 rounds and 2 second places, Andrew Wood was now in the lead in the Championship — the reliability of his two wheel drive Opal Manta 400 proving its worth against the might of the Metro 6R4.

The fast, closed roads of the Isle of Man provided the challenge for the 3rd round — the NEXUS MANX STAGES RALLY. Another oversubscribed entry saw 130 cars start the 120 mile all-tarmac Rally.

Willie Rutherford was easily quickest, but an off road slip — into the clutches of an overhanging branch — cost the team dearly. Meanwhile, at the front, it was the Wood, Sutherland battle which delighted the spectators. This time, the proven tarmac pedigree of the Manta 400 gave Wood the edge and a narrow 12 second victory. Phil Collins — winner in 1984 — finished 3rd overall and best of the 7 Securicor Sierra Cosworths.

James Cullen enjoyed his best National result with 4th place. Group A and 9th place overall went to Simon Davison in his 'English' V.W. Golf GTi.

After 3 rounds, Andrew Wood held a 12 point lead over Willie Rutherford with Alistair Sutherland third, a further 10 points behind. Simon Davison headed the Group A category with Chris Birkbeck in second place with his Nova Sport.

After an 8 week break the Championship resumed in Swansea with the MARLBORO PORT TALBOT RALLY.

Here, the largest entry, yet, challenged the 6 special stages and 80 miles in the Vale of Neath Forests.

David Llewellyn made a guest appearance only to be rewarded by a first stage puncture. Thereafter setting fastest on the remaining stages.

Rutherford made the running, leading until the last stage when the flywheel came adrift — putting him into retirement and promoting Andrew Wood into first place.

Peter Slights finished runner-up, while David Llewellyn recovered from 113 to finish 3rd. Group A and 8th place overall went to Graham Middleton in his Toyota Corolla.

It was back to closed roads, pace notes on the featureless tracks of Myndu Epynt for the 5th round — the RALLY RADIO LINK MEWLA STAGES.

The only event to use night stages, it tested man and machine to the limit. The atrocious weather conditions took their toll — but not this time on Willie Rutherford, who set fastest time on all 22 special stages to record his first victory of the season. Collins — the accredited 'King of Epynt' — finished 2nd; Andrew Wood taking third and an increased lead in the Championship. Davison, again, stamped his authority on Group A with 9th place overall.

Lindisfarne 'revisited' ran in glorious sunshine on its new date – 6 September. Again, it was Rutherford who set the pace only to be jinxed again with a penultimate stage retirement while leading. With only 2 seconds separating Andrew Wood and Alistair Sutherland at the start of the last of the 10 stages, Sutherland threw caution to the wind – beating Wood by a scant 7 seconds after 70 miles of Kielder Forest roads.

This win for Sutherland put him back into contention for the National title; Rutherford on the other hand seeing his title chase come to nought.

The classic forest roads of the North Yorkshire Moors played host to the penultimate round of the series.

Held in brilliant sunshine, the QUIP FOREST RALLY fielded a record entry of 123 cars for their 11 stage, 80 mile event. Rutherford was quickest on the opening stage – a lead he was to hold to the finish. Sutherland put in another spirited drive to finish second and claim enough Championship points to take the Championship title to this the final round.

The Scottish Woods – Andrew and Ken – swapped times all day; 3rd place eventually going to Ken with the superior power of his Metro 6R4.

Group A on the event, in the Championship and victory in the Volkswagen Junior Rally Team Challenge went to Durham's Simon Davison. John Midgley – 1984 Group 1 National Champion – took Group N and 22nd place overall.

So it's all down to this event to find the 1986 Marlboro/AUTOSPORT National Rally Champion



Michelle Mouton/Sue Baker Winners of 1983 Audi Sport Rally



LOTON PARK

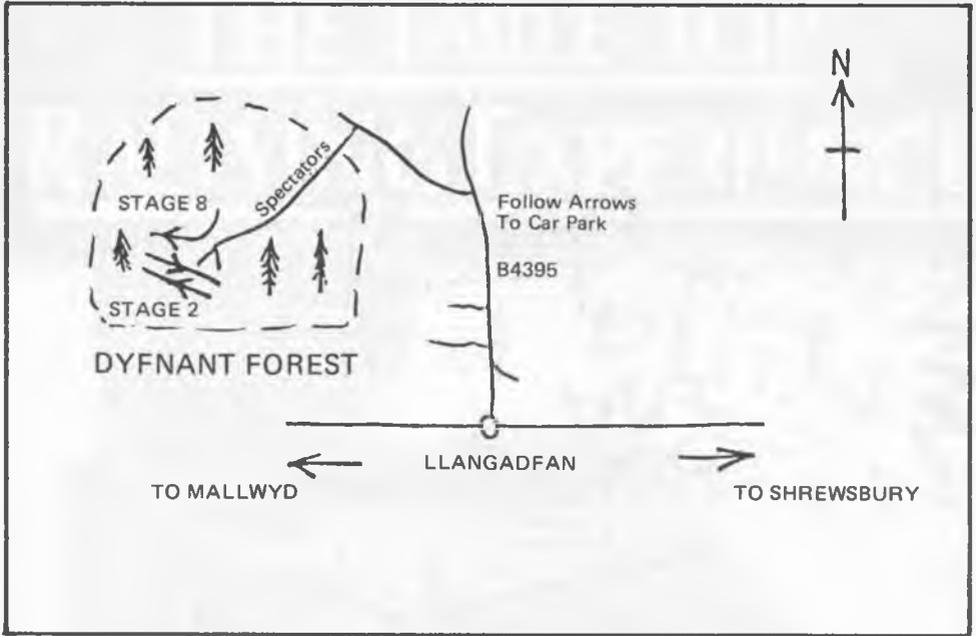
OFFICIAL START AND STAGE ONE

FROM 08.30 prompt to 11.00 approx

LAST STAGE

FROM 3.30 app. to 5.30 app.

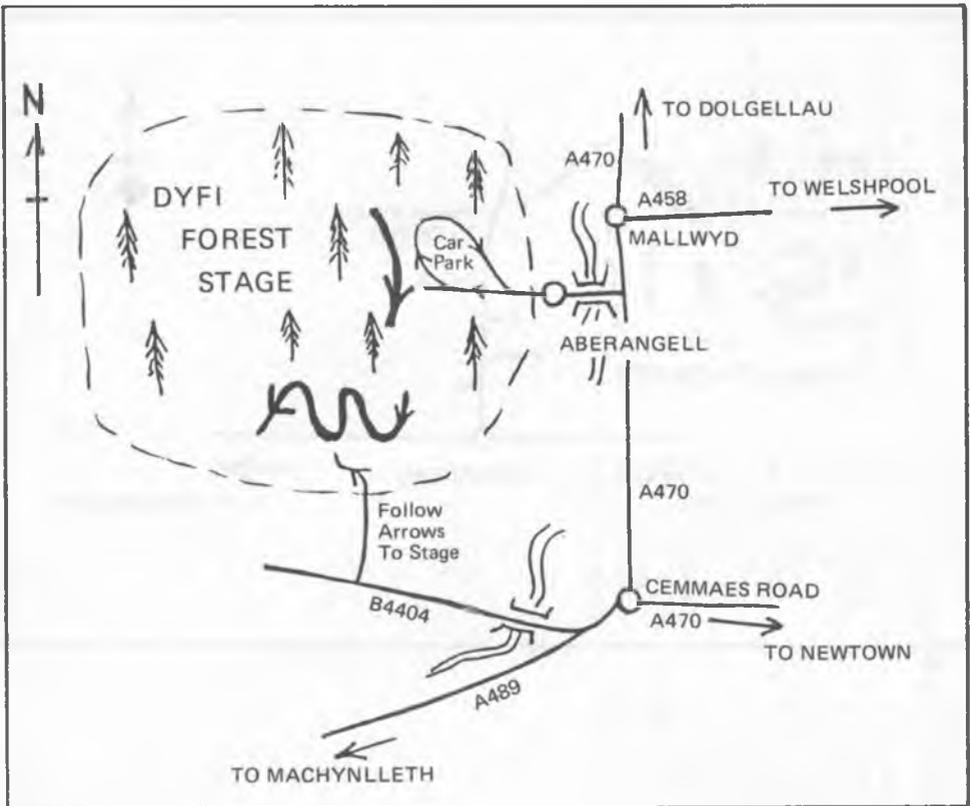
APPROACH ALONG A458 SHREWSBURY/WELSHPOOL RD,
TURN INTO B4393 AT CROSSGATES PUBLIC HOUSE,
INTO ALBERBURY VILLAGE.



DYFNANT FOREST STAGE

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1986 MARLBORO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP WITH AUTOSPORT

Round 1—Skip Brown Rally

Round 2—Sonat Granite City Rally

Round 3—Nexus Manx Stages

Round 4—Marlboro Rally

Round 5—Rally Radio Link Mewla Stages

Round 6—Marlboro Lindisfarne

Round 7—Quip Forest Stages Rally

Drivers Overall

	Rounds . . .							TOTAL	POS
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
Wood, Andrew	22	22	25	25	20	22	19	136	1 *
Sutherland, Alistair	0	25	22	0	19	25	22	113	2
Rutherford, Willie	20	20	17	0	25	0	25	107	3
Collins, Phil	0	0	20	15	22	20	18	95	4
Slights, Peter	17	0	14	22	12	0	16	81	5
Smith, Trevor	18	18	0	0	13	12	17	78	6
Mellors, Chris	—	12	18	0	17	19	0	66	7
Davison, Simon	19	0	15	3	16	0	13	66	8
Cullen, James	8	0	19	20	0	16	0	63	9
Lymburn, Bill	13	14	—	12	0	18	0	57	10

Group A Drivers Overall

	Rounds . . .							TOTAL	POS
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
Davison, Simon	25	0	25	17	25	12	25	129	1
Phillips, Robin	14	20	17	15	9	17	20	103	2 *
Staniforth, Darell	9	16	0	16	17	20	19	97	3
Cox, Gavin	—	22	11	22	0	19	18	92	4
Saint, John	20	17	0	11	13	15	14	90	5
Middleton, Graham	0	5	16	25	20	0	22	88	6
Birkbeck, Chris	18	25	12	13	0	0	17	85	7
Saddington, Tony	13	0	20	20	22	9	0	84	8
Brewis, Ewan	—	18	9	12	12	14	11	76	9
Middlehurst, Andy	0	19	14	4	15	13	10	75	10

Co-drivers Overall

	Rounds . . .							TOTAL	POS
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
Nicholson, Mike	22	22	25	25	20	22	19	136	1 *
Watts, Peter	1	25	22	0	19	25	22	114	2
Harris, Bryan	20	20	17	0	25	0	25	107	3

Class N1 Driver

	Rounds . . .							TOTAL	POS
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
Williamson, Keith	12	12	—	12	10	10	10	66	1
Cleary, John	—	—	—	10	7	12	12	41	2
Banyard, Alex	10	10	0	0	6	8	7	41	3

Group A Co-drivers Overall

	Rounds . . .							TOTAL	POS
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
Nicholson, Dave	25	0	25	17	25	14	25	131	1
Willis, Robert	15	20	17	15	13	18	20	105	2 *
Staker, Derek	11	16	0	16	19	20	19	101	3



Andrew Wood (Opel Manta 400) the current leader in the Marlboro/Autosport National Championship (Copyright Free)

Class A1 Driver

	Rounds . . .							TOTAL	POS
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
Birkbeck, Chris	12	12	12	10	0	0	12	58	1
Donnelly, Mick	3	8	10	0	0	12	10	43	2
Burton, Neil	6	7	8	4	5	7	6	39	3 *

Class A2 Driver

	Rounds . . .							TOTAL	POS
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
Staniforth, Darell	7	8	0	8	10	12	10	55	1
Saint, John	12	10	0	7	6	7	8	50	2
Middleton, Graham	0	3	10	12	12	0	12	49	3

Class A3 Driver

	Rounds . . .							TOTAL	POS
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
Davison, Simon	12	0	12	8	12	7	12	63	1
Phillips, Robin	10	10	7	7	6	8	10	52	2 *
Cox, Gavin	—	12	6	12	0	10	8	48	3

Class A4 Driver

	Rounds . . .							TOTAL	POS
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
Brewis, Ewan	—	12	7	10	12	10	10	61	1
Shah, Sanjiv	10	0	10	12	0	0	—	32	2
Smith, Gordon	—	0	—	—	—	12	12	24	3

Class B1 Driver

	Rounds . . .							TOTAL	POS
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
Wood, Andrew	10	10	12	12	8	10	7	62	1 *
Sutherland, Alistair	0	12	10	0	7	12	10	51	2
Rutherford, Willie	8	8	5	0	12	0	12	45	3

Skoda Trophy

	Rounds . . .							TOTAL	POS
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
Burton, Neil	22	25	25	22	22	22	22	138	1 *
Waite, Graham	19	20	18	25	20	25	19	128	2 *
Newson, Martin	—	—	19	20	16	20	18	93	3
Cotton, John	—	0	0	0	25	19	25	69	4
Bennett, Chris	0	18	20	0	17	0	—	55	5

Lada (Leading positions only)

Martin Madge	43
Ken Benefield	35
Terry Douce	31
Dexter Dimblebee	30
Kevin Titley	30

Manufacturers Award

		Rounds . . .							TOTAL	POS
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7		
Overall										
Toyota	A2	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	72 *	1
Volkswagen	A3	12	10	12	8	12	12	12	70 *	2=
Vauxhall	A1	10	12	12	10	0	12	12	68	4



Robin Phillips/Bobby Willis VW Junior Rally Team

AWARDS

(a) **General Classification**

- 1st Overall Awards to Driver & Co-Driver
Plus The James L. Martin Challenge Trophy to the Driver
and The E. L. Bouts Challenge Trophy to the Co-Driver
- 2nd Overall Awards to Driver & Co-Driver
- 3rd Overall Awards to Driver & Co-Driver
- 4th Overall Awards to Driver & Co-Driver
- 5th Overall Awards to Driver & Co-Driver

(b) **Audi Sport Awards**

To the highest placed crew of which the Driver is registered in the National Championship in General Classification: Audi Sport Awards

(c) **Private Entrants Awards**

- 1st Private Entrant Awards to Driver & Co-Driver
- 2nd Private Entrant Awards to Driver & Co-Driver
- 3rd Private Entrant Awards to Driver & Co-Driver

(d) **Class Awards**

- 1st in each class Awards to Driver & Co-Driver
- 2nd in each class Awards to Driver & Co-Driver

(e) **Group A Awards**

To the highest placed Group A car in General Classification:
Driver The Tony Lloyd Davies Challenge Cup
Co-Driver The G. J. B. Thorne Co-Drivers Trophy

(f) **W & SSCC Limited Awards**

To the highest placed car in the General Classification with an all W & SSCC Limited crew:
Driver The S. W. Fletcher Trophy
Co-Driver The Ron Moore Trophy

(g) **Ladies Award**

To the highest placed Lady Driver in General Classification (subject to a minimum of three Lady Drivers): . . . The Express & Star Rose Bowl Trophy

(h) **Marlboro National Rally Championship with Autosport Awards**

To the highest placed registered Driver & registered Co-Driver in General Classification: An Award
To the highest placed registered Driver registered & registered Co-Driver in a Group A Car in General Classification: An Award

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