

Bulldog '97 Rally News



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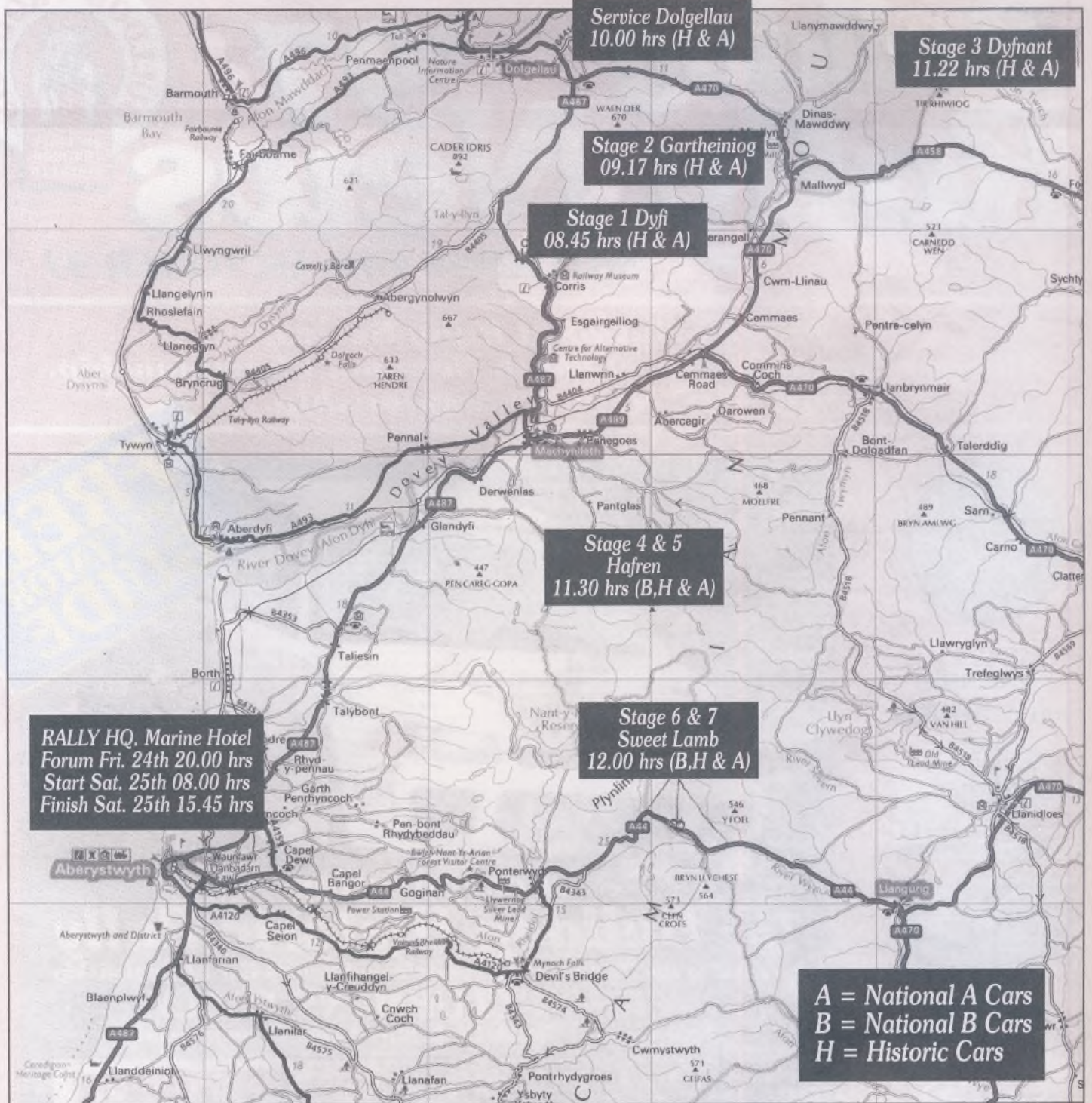
incorporating
The Bulldog Historic Rally
a round of the Demon Tweeks/Classic and Sports Car Championship
MEIRION CLUBMANS RALLY
Evans Windows Welsh Clubmans Stage Championship.



Works teams prepare for RAC

Everything is set for an exciting Bulldog Rally with new British Rally Champion, Nissan works driver Mark Higgins, plus Volkswagen and Renault Works Teams all entered in preparation for the Network Q RAC Rally. Penti Airikkala and Jimmy McRae will battle it out in the Historic Vehicle Class, and TV personality Jo Brand is also driving in preparation for the RAC Rally.

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A Message from BULLDOG SECURITY PRODUCTS

This is the third time that I have had the great pleasure in welcoming everyone to the Bulldog Rally. The event is now firmly established as the final round of the Mintex National Rally Series.

This year has seen the championship go from strength to strength and with the addition of the Rally Ka Championship from Ford and the Nissan Micra Challenge the competition is guaranteed to be fierce. It gives me great personal satisfaction to welcome again our friends in the Demon Tweeks/Classic and Sports Car Historic Rally Championship who added so much to the atmosphere in Aberystwyth last year.

Wolverhampton and South Staffs Car Club have assembled all the ingredients from the best of British rallying for us to witness another weekend of sport that both Aberystwyth and ourselves will not forget in a long time.

I look forward to meeting you all during the rally and wish everyone a safe and successful event.

Ian Jordan

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The Bulldog Rally 97

SPECTATOR INFORMATION

- Rally Headquarters** *The Marine Hotel, Marine Terrace, Aberystwyth*
- Scrutineering** *Meirion Motors, Llanafan Trading Estate, Aberystwyth
16.00 hrs to 22.00 hrs on 24.10.97*
- Pre Rally Forum** *The Marine Hotel, Marine Terrace, Aberystwyth
20.00 hrs on 24.10.97
Special Guest Speakers*
- Rally Start** *Marine Terrace, Aberystwyth
08.00 hrs on 25.10.97*
- Stage 1** *DYFI First Car: 08.45 hrs
On the A470 south of its junction with the A458 at Mallwyd
turn west to Aberangell and follow the arrows to the
Forestry Commission Car Park. Map Reference 124/846099*
- Service Halt** *FARMERS MART DOLGELLAU First Car: 10.00 hrs
Service area adjacent to the A470. Cars will service 15 mins.
Map Reference 124/735182*
- Stage 3** *DYFNANT First Car: 11.32 hrs
From the A458 west of Welshpool turn north on B4395 then
turn left to Parc Llwydiarth. Map Reference 125/027150*
- Special Stage 6 & 7** *SWEET LAMB SUPER SPECIAL First Car: 12.15 hrs
Enter Complex from A44 west of Llangurig.
Map Reference 135/840828*
- Finish** *Marine Terrace, Aberystwyth. First Car: 15.45 hrs*
- Prize Giving** *The Commodore Cinema, Bath Street, Aberystwyth
20.00 hrs
Free Admission. Bar Facilities. The day's action on Video.*
- Entries from** *Mike Sadler-Brookes
21 Mount Road, Fairfield
Bromsgrove, Worcs. B61 9LN
Phone & Fax: 01527 873844*

WARNING

Motor Sport is dangerous and persons attending this meeting do so entirely at their own risk.

It is a condition of admission that all persons having any connection with the production and/or organisation and/or conduct of the event including the owners of the land and the drivers/owners of the vehicles are absolved from all liability arising out of accidents, howsoever caused, resulting in damage and/or personal injury to spectators, pass or ticket holders.





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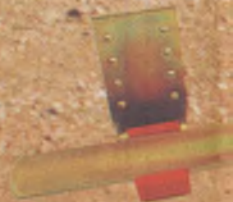
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The History of the Bulldog Rally



The Wolverhampton and South Staffs organised Midland Rally started life in 1958 as a night navigation road rally sponsored by the local newspaper The Express & Star. The event was renowned for its demanding route over the infamous roads of mid-Wales.

It was in the mid-Wales hills that held forest roads which in 1967 were the impetus in making the event one of the first special stage rallies on the mainland of Britain.

In 1968 the rally was renamed 'The Castrol'. With the relocation of the start and finish to Aberystwyth in 1975 the scene was set for the Sequence of quintessential single day forest stage rallies.

In 1981-82 whilst being sponsored by Pace Petroleum the winners were Henri Toivonen and then Markku Alen. It was on this event that the latter gave the unforgettable Lancia 037 its first win anywhere in the world.

Audi Sport took over the sponsorship of the event in 1983 and it was known as 'The Audi' for nine years, for the last four of these it gained full international status. Although Michele Mouton and Stig Blomqvist won in Audi Quattros there were also wins for Tony Pond in a metro 6R4 and David Llewellyn in a Toyota GT4.

Since 1993 the event has run under the name Midland Rally, attracting drivers such as Gegoire De Mevius the then Group N World Champion who competed against Malcolm Wilson in 1993, with Malcolm emerging the winner. Two years ago Malcolm returned but this time he was up against Francois Delecour in an identical Escort Cosworth, once again Malcolm won.

Since 1995 the event has been sponsored by Bulldog Security Products, and the event is now known as 'The Bulldog Rally'. This year a special 'Spectator Arena' is being built at Sweet Lamb Stage which will offer good access and ample parking for the spectators as well as good easy viewing of the special features within the main arena.

Previous Winners

1958	.....Tony Fisher/Jim Thomas Austin A35	1978	.....Penti Airikkala/Mike Nicholson Vauxhall Chevette
1959	.....Bill Bengry/Peter Roberts Simca Montlhay	1979	.....Ari Vatanen/Dave Richards Escort RS
1960	.....Tom Gold/Stuart Turner Austin Healey Sprite	1980	.....Jimmy McRae/Mike Nicholson Vauxhall Chevette
1961	.....Brian Harper/Ron Crelin Morgan	1981	.....Henri Toivonen/Fred Gallagher Talbot Sunbeam
1962	.....Pat Moss/David Stone Saab	1982	.....Markku Alen/Lilla Kivimaki Lancia 037
1963	.....Tony Fisher/Brian Melia Austin Cooper	1983	.....Michele Mouton/Sue Barker Audi Quattro
1964	.....Reg McBride/Don Barrow Ford Anglia	1984	.....Malcolm Wilson/Nigel Harris Audi Quattro
1965	.....David Frizwell/Richard Binns Mini Cooper S	1985	.....Tony Pond/Ron Arthur Metro 6R4
1966	.....Malcolm Gibbs/Randell Morgan Cortina GT	1986	.....Stig Blomqvist/Bruno Berglund Audi Quattro
1967	.....Tony Chappell/Hywel Thomas Lotus Cortina	1987	.....Daivd Gillanders/Ken Rees Metro 6R4
1968	.....Colin Malkin/John Brown Hillman Imp	1988	.....Russell Brookes/Neil Wilson Cosworth Sierra
1969	.....John Bloxham/Richard Harper Escort Twin Cam	1989	.....David Llewellyn/Phil Short Toyota GT4
1970/71	Not Held	1990	.....Russell Brookes/Neil Wilson Cosworth Sapphire
1972	.....Pat Ryan/Mike Nicholson Mini Cooper S	1991	.....David Llewellyn/Mike Corner Nissan Sunny GTI-R
1973	.....Not Held	1992	.....Colin McRae/Derek Ringer Subaru Legacy
1974	.....Tony Drummond/Dave Richards Escort RS	1993	.....Malcolm Wilson/Brian Thomas Escort Cosworth
1975	.....Tony Fowkes/Brian Harris Escort RS	1994	.....Malcolm Wilson/Brian Thomas Escort Cosworth
1976	.....Russell Brookes/John Brown Escort Mexico	1995	.....Chris Mellors/Brian Gough Escort Cosworth
1977	.....Penti Airikkala/Jon Gittins Vauxhall Chevette	1996	.....Steve Hill/Stella Boyles Mitsubishi Lancer

Brian Lyall

Brian spent much of 1996 recovering from a horrendous accident at an ice rally school in Norway in which he badly broke his leg. The Aberdeen based car dealer has bounced back in devastating style by dominating the Mintex and Scottish Championships. After the 6th Round of the series on 27th September, Lyall has won the Mintex Championship outright, and is poised to become the first man ever to take both titles in the same season. His only blemish being an engine failure on the opening event - the Bournemouth Winter Rally - which he was leading at the time.



Bournemouth Winter Rally -

Steve Hill

Steve finished runner-up behind Chris Mellors in the 1996 Mintex Series and began this season as ante-post favourite, driving a new Mitsubishi Lancer E3. But a succession of niggling problems, most recently with the transmission, have blunted the Oxfordshire civil engineering contractor's challenge. Nevertheless given a clear run, former road rally champion Hill is a match for anyone present today. He gained his first ever Mintex Series victory on the final round - The



Bulldog Rally in Aberystwyth last October, and is also responsible for the preparation of the showroom specification Group N Lancer driven by Richie Holfeld. After losing a wheel in the first stage of the last round of the series, Steve made an excellent fight back from 50th to 10th overall.

Jeremy Easson

Jeremy dominated the showroom section of the Mintex Series for three years, driving a Group N Ford Escort Cosworth. The triple champion (94,95 and 96) decided to search for a fresh challenge this season after also winning Group N with a sensational sixth place overall on last November's snowbound Network Q RAC Rally - Britain's round of the world championship - and so gaining an International B seeding. The Leicestershire man has spent most of the year building a brand new Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution 4, which he will be driving today.



Richie Holfeld

Richie brings a wealth of international rallying experience into today's rally. The 42 year old Dubliner was BTRDA Champion in 1991 before venturing abroad to contest the Middle East Rally championship. This year he has returned to these shores in a Mitsubishi Ireland supported Group N Lancer E3, prepared by Steve Hill Motorsport.

Assisted by vastly experienced co-driver Ian Grindrod, Holfeld steadily increased his pace over the opening three rounds, taking victory on the Steyr-Puch Manx National and moving into the lead of the showroom category. Richie saw his chances of winning the Group N title disappear after suffering a puncture in the last round.

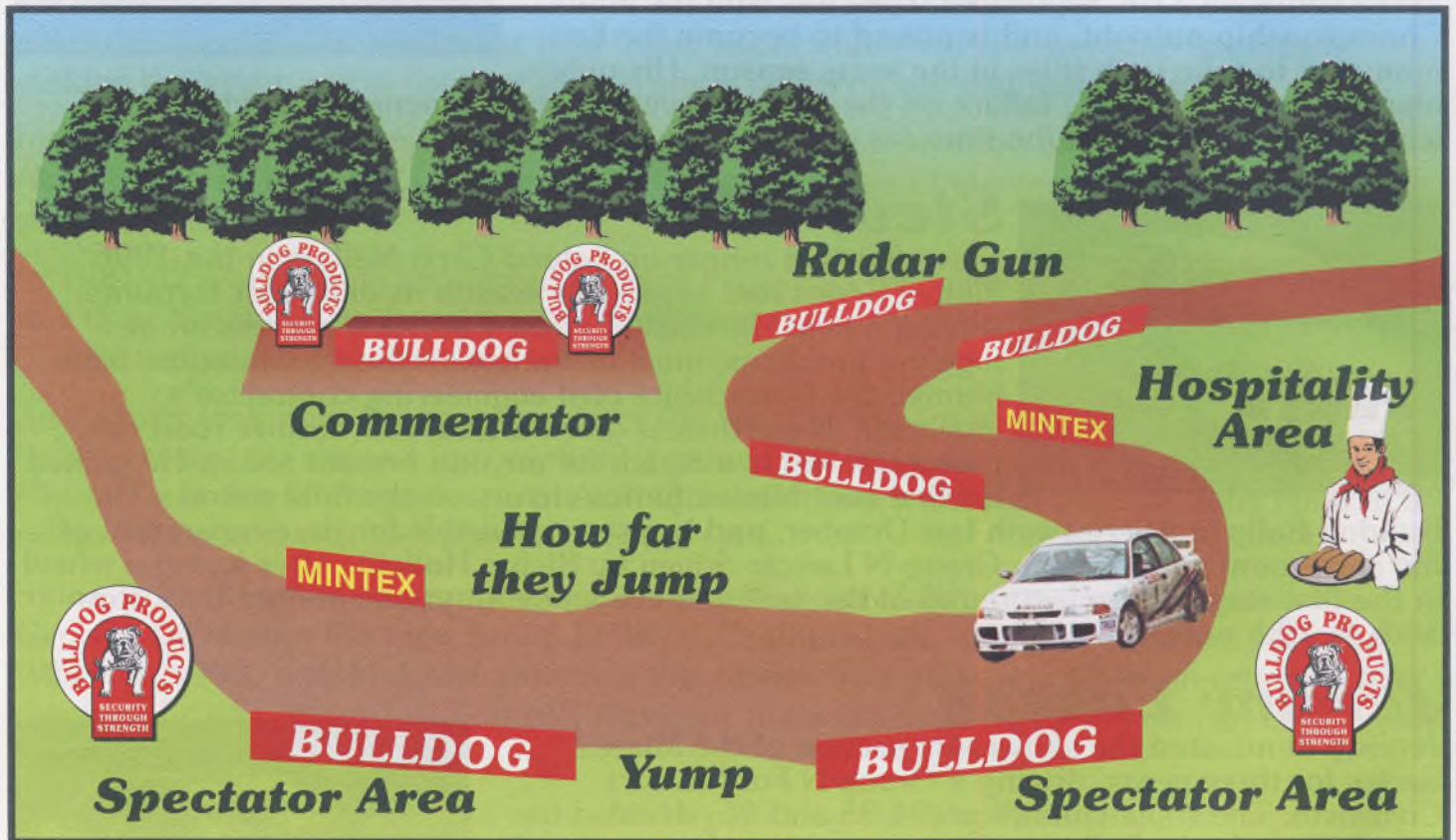
Steve Petch

Steve has finished runner-up to Jeremy Easson in the showroom Group N category for the past two seasons and hopes it will be third time lucky in 97. The Bishop Auckland Subaru dealer has been involved in a battle for the title with Richie Holfeld and Roger Davies, but after the last round Steve only needs to start the Bulldog to become the Group N champion.



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Stage 6. Sweet Lamb Special Spectator Arena



Stage 6 (Sweet Lamb) will include a Special Spectator Arena with full commentary throughout on all your favourite drivers. The arena will offer good access and ample parking for spectators, with excellent viewing of the special features of the stage. These features will take the form of a hairpin turn into the arena, a long open 180° bend, a spectacular jump, and finally a 90° bend which takes the cars out of the arena. With a start interval of 30 seconds, and all competitors making two runs through the arena, the action will be non-stop!

A radar speed gun, yump and hospitality area all make for exciting action and up to date entry lists will be available on site.

How to get there:

Stages 6 and 7 - Enter via the A44 west of Llangurig. O.S. Map 135, 840.828

SPECTATOR SAFETY

Study the diagram below - the red shaded areas are "NO-GO" and being there could cause delays or the cancellation of the stage.

STAY WHERE ITS SAFE! RED SHADED AREAS ARE PROHIBITED

