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CHAMPIONSHIP CALENDAR 2017

Brands Hatch Winter Stages	20 Jan
South Downs Stages Goodwood	10 Feb
Bovington Stages Bovington	03 Mar
Horiba D'ISIS Coventry	28 Apr
Corinium Stages Down Ampney	05 May
TSH Stages Portreath	19/20 May
CAR-nival Stages Abingdon	10 Jun
Weathersfield Stages	09 Sept
Challenger Stages Bovington	18 Nov
Rockingham Stages	2/3 Dec

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Suze and Matt Endean Hold the lead

Well folks here we go for another round of my waffling in a bulletin. As round 3 of the championship approaches I thought it best to let you all know how the situation stands so that you can all concentrate on some strategic planning for your rallying.

The good news is that this is my last but one bulletin that I'll be writing so not much more of my awful jokes to go.

Now before we get into this I do have one big thank you to say publicly (well this is about as close to public as I'm going to get). For those who attended the awards ceremony at Brooklands you will know that Suze Endean kindly cooked a cake for my birthday. Now in fairness I had an inkling she might go through with the threat of publicly presenting a cake to embarrass me but I was expecting your standard two layer sponge cake and credit where its due it was a stunning cake. Four layers of sponge (dark chocolate, light caramel, dark caramel and I believe the top was vanilla) covered in thick chocolate icing and decorated with chocolate fingers, smarties and Maltesers. It was truly amazing and tasted

off the walls and ceilings for about two days after an intake of that much sugar!! So a big thank you to Suze.

So onto the whole reason you are all sat I'm sure with bated breath to hear how the Championship is going.....well you'll have to wait another three minutes as I need to make another cup of tea (this is so exciting to write I'm overdosing on caffeine). Right that's the tea made and some logs on the fire so back to this bulletin.

The latest round saw a good entry from the Championship contenders with all Classes being represented, but that is often the case with the South Down Stages as it is a much enjoyed event and a good shake down rally.

Class A saw Suze and Matt Endean out in their Micra and also a new contender to the championship, Joe Keen, in his MG.

All of them seemed to have a good day finishing the rally and gaining some points. Now as you know I ask for feedback as to how everyone's days went so that you don't have to read my waffle all day,

Suze responded with 'it was wet, I was slow, but there's more info in my blog'. Now I'm old enough to be fairly certain that a blog was some kind of monster that lived in caves or under bridges somewhere so to be told she has a blog and feeds it on rally information is somewhat unsettling, I wasn't sure to ring the RSPCA, Interpol or the U.N. to report such heinous behavior but thankfully my niece stepped in and explained it's a diary on the internet (why not just keep a diary. I mean, how bad a day does a person have to be having to invent an online journal programme and then name it 'blog'! It sounds like something unpleasant that would come out of your nose when you have a really, really, bad cold.) Anyway this is what Suze had to say:

The whole day went really well without any major errors in either seat but the pace simply wasn't there disappointingly. It started to rain heavy part way through the day so we changed to wets, and I seemed to lose a air bit of time on the next two stages when I guess I didn't have full confidence in the car or my ability behind the wheel.

Joe Keen was out for his first event of the championship gaining some points and getting a foot on the table. I noticed from the entries that he had chosen to take Jayme Cooper as his co-driver. Now I am good friends with Jayme so I know I can say this and not worry if he's offended or not because I reckon I can run faster than him, I think Joe deserves triple bonus points for being sat in a car with Jayme. Joe you are a legend mate! However, now I've finished Jayme bashing (well you have to when the opportunity arises) this is what Joe had to say about the day:

It was my first rally in five years and fifth rally ever. I was very happy to finish but hoping to be quicker next time.

Class B saw Roger and Cameron Ray out chasing their chance to reclaim the championship trophy, after arranging to have someone else's names engraved on them, and they were putting in a fine effort to claim maximum points and a joker for this round! This is what Ray had to say about the day:

Day started well at Goodwood, with stage 1 being dry. The forecast for rain was expected around 2pm, although by the start of stage 2 it was already here and never let up!. We didn't have the tyres for the usual wet, slippery stages of Goodwood, but did our best. By stage 8 we were into darkness, and still raining!, this was also the stage the intercom decided to pack up. After sorting the intercom out we set off onto the final stage at 6.45pm!, with no problems we were glad to get to the finish and finished 36 O/A 5th in class.

Class B also saw the dynamic Duo of John and Sharon Mills in tier Magenta Citroen 205 (I would have said its pink but I don't know if John would be happy with that, and after all I am colour blind anyway). Sadly they didn't get to finish the event as it seems they are still carrying some gremlins, either that or the new nitrox booster system still isn't working correctly).

So for those of you who have made it to this point, well done on surviving this long, its nearly over!

Class C saw two teams out, Dave Hockaday and Steve Frost in their VW Golf and a new pair to rallying and the championship, Wayne Hole and Joseph Moore in their Ford Escort.

After having a year off rebuilding the car (in my opinion a Golf is about as hard to build as putting together an IKEA flat pack wardrobe with the instructions all in Swedish so well done for only being gone a year) Dave and Steve once again set out to show us how's its done and at last managed to finish a rally this year so it looks like they may be on the up now!

Wayne and Joseph put in a very impressive run finishing 27th overall and 10th in Class. I haven't had a chance to ask them how their day went but Richard Weaver did send over a photo of an article in the local newspaper which means they are now famous on the Island (hopefully that's the only reason they're famous on the Island!)

In Class D we only currently have one competing team and that is Pete Wilkins and Caroline Moore. Once again they seemed to have a good run gaining a top 40 overall finish and maximum points in the championship. Now this is a test to see who reads these bulletins - Pete/Caroline, I have no Joker Rounds for you in the championship so far!

And finally onto Class E. Class E saw another team from the Isle of Wight who are new to rallying and new to the championship (I've only ever been to the Island once and that was a long time ago but I presume they've either been having some very long nights with little to do or there has been some inspiration into rallying people to rally. Great news for the sport of course and I wonder what the secret was, we could do with a trick like that for the championship!) Dean says that they had a wonderful day competing which can be seen by the amazing finish of 14th overall and 2nd in class. A very impressive result. Dean had his dad co-driving for him on this event and sadly his dad must have had something dodgy to eat the day before because reports are he was as sick as a parrot (and apparently the same colour as one) for the whole day! Dean is now hoping that replacement co-driver, Jon Barrett, lasts longer in the jump seat.

Well folks that just about wraps up this bulletin, one more to go from me. As many of you know I have given up the championship as I was juggling too many eggs but I had planned to keep rallying. Sadly, after a little run in with the MSA Scrutineer and the MSA technical teams, and despite the valiant efforts of Steve Castle, I won't be rallying for a while now. Instead I am going to concentrate on earning enough money to support the more expensive side of socialising at rallies! So stay safe and I will hopefully see you all soon.

Cheers

Paul