

Wales Rally GB 13 - 16 September 2012

Welcome to the 3rd Marshals' Newsletter for Wales Rally GB 2012

With the event now less than 2 months away preparations are well under way and if you want to marshal this year please contact one of the Staffing Officers, listed in this newsletter, as soon as possible .

Senior Officials Training

The annual training for Senior Officials took place on 22 July in Hereford where over 50 members of the WRGB team gathered for a morning of safety related topics and in the afternoon tackled a variety of potentially challenging scenarios relating to possible incidents on this year's route. The feedback from the day was very positive with over 95% saying the day had been good or excellent.

Evening Training Sessions

These sessions are currently being planned for motor clubs around the country; if your club hasn't asked for one yet, please get in touch with the training officers (contact details later in the newsletter) and we will try to find a suitable night for you. The content will cover: Stories from 2011, changes for 2012, impact of those changes on the event, stage and non-stage venues, marshals/officials input to the venues, refresher on FIA WRC level events compared to MSA National Events

Marshals Information Post Out

The post out of information will take place over the weekend of 1st/2nd September so you should receive your information early in the week commencing 3rd September. In your pack you will receive;

- Joining instructions for the stages you have requested and been accepted to, including maps of the route you will need to take to access the stage as well as the time you need to be at signing on
- Marshals vehicle passes, sign-on cards if necessary, access maps, car stickers,. Goodies and personal passes will be issued at signing-on.

Please remember to print out your signing on card and arrive on time to keep the waiting time to a minimum.

2012 Entries to date

For International Entries, a list will be available on the website after the closing date.

For an update to the national entries visit:

<http://www.walesrallygb.com/competitors/index.php>

On line Documents

This year both the Marshals Instructions and Operations Manual will be available for you to download from the following web address (from 17/08)

<http://www.walesrallygb.com/marshals/index.php>

Here you will find all the information you may need either about the event OR about who to contact if you have any queries

NEWS FLASH

All marshals' who receive a vehicle pass in the post out will be able to gain free access to Wednesday's Practice and Qualifying on production of this 2012 marshals vehicle pass.

If you don't have your own vehicle pass, because you receive your paperwork through a team, contact your team leader to see if you can arrange a team visit to Qualifying. However unless you are signed on for Qualifying please DO NOT wear a tabard whilst spectating.

2012 Enrolment & Contacts

Don't forget we're using the Rally Stage Team staffing system to manage our marshal and radio enrolment. This system is live with the 2012 stages and some venues are now full. If you have used the system in previous years then you can just log in with your email address and password and then click Event > Event Registration from the top menu and choose Wales Rally GB 2012 from the dropdown list. You can still contact a staffing officer by email or phone if needed – details below.

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Marshals Forum

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Official Website

www.walesrallygb.com

Online Enrolment

www.rallystageteam.co.uk

2012 Event Schedule (All timings approx. for 1st car)

Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th September

Reconnaissance

Wednesday 12th September

Practice & Qualifying -

Walters Arena 3.91km 11:30

Thursday 13th September

Ceremonial Start - Llandudno 19:00

Friday 14th September

Restart – Llandudno 06:00

SS1 – Dyfnant 1 20.48km 08:13

SS2 – Hafren Sweet Lamb 1 24.87km 09:38

SS3 – Myherin 1 27.88km 10:19

Remote Service – Newtown 11:43

SS4 – Dyfnant 2 20.48km 13:13

SS5 – Hafren Sweet Lamb 2 24.87km 14:58

SS6 – Myherin 2 27.88km 15:19

Service B – Cardiff 19:12

Saturday 15th September

Service C - Cardiff 06:30

SS7 – Crychan 1 19.50km 09:02

SS8 – Epynt 1 8.31km 09:40

SS9 – Halfway 1 18.35km 10:06

Service D – Cardiff 12:20

SS10 – Crychan 2 19.50km 15:17

SS11 – Epynt 2 8.31km 15:55

SS12 – Halfway 2 18.35km 16:21

SS13 – Celtic Manor 3.04km 18:30

Flexi Service E – Cardiff 19:13

Sunday 16th September

Service F - Cardiff 06:00

SS14 – Port Talbot 1 17.35km 07:18

SS15 – Rheola 1 8.87km 08:16

SS16 – Walters Arena 1 15.33km 08:34

Service G – Cardiff 10:24

SS17 – Port Talbot 2 17.35km 12:07

SS18 – Rheola 2 8.87km 13:05

SS19 – Walters Arena 2

(Power Stage) 15.33km 13:23

Service H – Cardiff 15:16

Finish - Cardiff 15:36

National Rally

The National rally will run on all 3 days of the event. The cars will start in Newtown on Friday before a single run through the three Friday stages before heading to Cardiff for an overnight halt.

On Saturday the National cars will leave Cardiff and complete Crychan, Epynt and Halfway before returning to Cardiff. Time constraints for the event's use of the Celtic Manor stage mean that the National cars are unable to be run on this stage.

On Sunday the cars again leave Cardiff for the Port Talbot, Rheola and Walters Arena stages. The finish of the rally will be in Cardiff on the same podium as the WRC stars.

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Friday 14th September

Start—Newtown	09:30
SS1 – Dyfnant	10:30
SS2 – Hafren Sweet Lamb	11:55
SS3 – Myherin	12:36

Saturday 15th September

Re-start Cardiff	09:00
SS7 – Crychan	11:17
SS8 – Epynt	11:55
SS9 – Halfway	12:21

Overnight Halt— Cardiff

Sunday 16th September

Re-start - Cardiff	08:10
SS14 – Port Talbot	09:23
SS15 – Rheola	10:24
SS16 – Likes Land Rover at Walters Arena	10:42
Finish— Cardiff	12:17

Rally Finland



You may have thought Finland had smooth roads, not always the case when you look at Hirvonen driving through these ruts

The latest round of the WRC has just finished and it was another 1 - 2 for Citroen with Sebastien Loeb coming out on top after an event long battle with Mikko Hirvonen. Mikko naturally wanted to win his home event but he had to give second best to Loeb with the margin of victory just over 6 seconds .

The Ford team gave valiant chase in their Fiestas, which sported a new black and white livery, but were never able to match the speed of the Citroens. In the end Jari Matti Latvala came third and Petter Solberg fourth.

This result leaves Loeb with a massive 43 point lead in the Driver's Championship, team mate Hirvonen is 2nd



Jari Matti Latvala during his vain chase against the Citroens.

and Solberg 3rd. Mads Ostberg, who took 5th in Finland after mechanical problems, holds 4th place in the championship.



Loeb in full flight as he heads for his third victory in Finland and his 73rd world championship win.

In the Manufacturers championship Citroen have a lead of over 100 points in front of Ford as their domination of this year's championship continues.

The next WRC round is in Germany in just over 2 weeks time (24 - 26 August) and then the focus moves to Wales in September.