

# THE DAILY DISPATCH



22 to 24 March 2024

Generations Rally 2024 proved to be fabulous weekend, with a record number of entries. We really hope everyone enjoyed it as much as the Rally the Globe team. The scenery, route, challenging competition and evening socialising were a winning combination. Your company was very much appreciated, thank you for being such good sports!



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#### Day 1 Cheshire Plains

22 March 2024

From the steaming tropics and thick jungles of Southeast Asia, *Rally the Globe* is back on home turf for the second fixture of the year; the third running of the award-winning *Generations Rally*. Fathers, sons, mothers, daughters, assorted siblings, as well as various in-laws and common laws prove that families who play together, stay together, to the extent that many of them are here for the third time.

For the next three days we explore the Cheshire Plain, the mountains of Snowdonia and the back roads of north Wales, along a challenging route put together by Clerk of the Course, Mark Appleton, and route designer, Anthony Preston.



Ian and Duncan Hopkinson, 1968 MGC GT









Daniel Bailey and Theo Marden Wasteneys, 1929 Invicta 3 litre

A full entry list meant a full car park at Rally HQ in the impressive Carden Park Hotel. The 90 cars assembled gave the sweep crews of Andy Inskip, Charlie Neale, Russ Smith, Owen Turner, Matt Abrey and Jack Amies plenty to do, dealing with any minor matters that arose on the way to the start line. Meanwhile a crack team of MSA scrutineers, comprising Geoff Doe, Richard Williams and Sue Bateman, checked the cars for safety and compliance. Just in from Colorado, Jamie Turner popped by to say hello and, in the family spirit of the rally, he brought son, Jack, along to pass him the tools and chauffeur him around the course.

Loren Price, Gill Cotton and Kitty Burdett led the team of indoor officials tasked with managing the paperwork and distributing the rally gifts before the crews gathered for a light lunch and short welcome speech from Rally Director, Fred Gallagher. At 12.45pm the cars were waved away, down the driveway for the cross-country lope towards the assembled marshals of both Knutsford & District and Liverpool Motor Clubs who, under the guidance of Mike Harrison, had arranged two Tests at the Oulton Park rally stage. Described as having a 'low grip surface' it required plenty of input from the drivers to keep to the narrow ribbon of tarmac snaking its way through the inner circuit.

A Regularity from Manley Common calmed things down, taking the crews to the afternoon Time Control at the Willington Hall Hotel where tea, coffee and an excellent selection of cakes had been laid on for us whilst Andrew Kellitt and Audrey Rudd took charge of the time cards. A little bit of backtracking through the lanes led us back to Oulton Park for the third Test, which artfully blended the best bits of the previous two into a seemingly endless drift session, to the delight of the drivers.

The pace slackened again along the route to the Bunbury Commons Passage Control and onwards to the Norbury



Wendy and Victoria Birch, 1960 Porsche 356 Cabriolet



Bill and Harri Holroyd, 1953 Frazer Nash Sebring



Robert and Olivia Wilkinson, 1965 Aston Martin DB5







Craig and Cosmo McWilliam, 1927 Frazer Nash Super Sports



Martin and Mia Ruebel, 1971 Alfa Romeo GTV



Gavin and Jessica Webster, 1965 Jaguar Mk 2. 1965



Sally and Kate McVeigh, 1935 Fiat Balilla



Celia and Rory O'Neill, 1932 Riley Gamecock

Meres Regularity which gave the navigators a chance to sharpen their skills for the long, but not too taxing, Passage Control Section from Egerton.

With the day drawing to a close, there was one, last timed section to get through before we reached the sanctuary of the night halt. Steve and Sally Morgan had generously allowed us to use the grounds of the neighbouring Carden Hall for a closed road section. Jim Smith with David Harris took control of the starting gun and shot the crews up the driveway, round the ornamental fountain and through a cluster of agricultural buildings to the finish line and a short parkland drive straight to the hotel car park.

It had been a baptism of fire for some, a challenge for others, but everyone agreed it had been a lot of fun. Over dinner Fred Gallagher promised them more of the same tomorrow as the rally heads to Wales and the Cambrian Mountains.



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#### **Cambrian Mountains** Day 2

23 March 2024



Michael Birch and Callum Bowver, 1934 Talbot AV105

If yesterday was designed to serve as a gentle introduction to endurance rallying, then today the crews were considered qualified enough to tackle five Regularities and two Tests in an epic route of 173 miles which included a lap of the Berwyn Mountains and trip to the Snowdonia National Park.



Andy and Grace Johnson, 1932 Alfa Romeo 6



Keith Wickham and Sophie Kayanagh, 1937 Bentley 4.6 Sport

It was a cold but clear start and, after crossing the border into Wales, a route check in Sesswick led the cars from the highways to the byways and funnelled them into the Ceiriog Trail Regularity. This map-based exercise, through the Vale of Llangollen, ran over some typically broken and challenging ground. Crossing Offa's Dyke, the ancient line of demarcation between Mercia and the Welsh Marches, the route then dropped towards the River Dee and its stone bridge, one of the seven wonders of Wales.



George and Angus Johnson, 1930 Austin 7 Ulster



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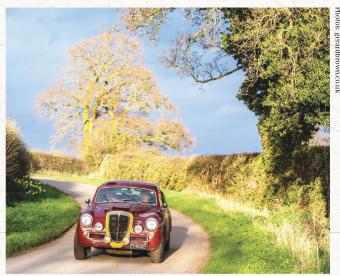
Jonathan and Peonie Procter, 1925 Bentley 3/41/2



Charles Graves and Daniella Hope, 1967 Sunbeam Tiger



William and Bianca Lees-Jones, 1972 Fiat Dino Coupe



Brian and Adam Scowcroft, 1954 Lancia Aurelia GT Coupe

The second Regularity, through Moel Truan, saw heavy rain showers making for slippery conditions as we climbed the 417m Horseshoe Pass which divides Llantysilio Mountain and Marilyn Cyrn-y-Brain. Some got lucky with the weather and enjoyed some dramatic views over the hills through the swirling clouds. The section was lined with vivid yellow gorse and wild daffodils and, when the sun made an appearance, it was picture perfect. But, with the clock ticking and the miles rolling by, the crews weren't tempted to stop and snap one for the album.

The Time Control at the Palé Hall Hotel in Llandderfel brought to an end the first half of a busy morning. Refreshments were gratefully received by the crews before they readied themselves for the Test at the renowned Ranges Motorsport Centre. A lovely run alongside Bala Lake and a section of tight narrow mountain roads, with a series of manned gates, delivered the Rally to the closed road Test, high on a windy hill. After accessing the decommissioned firing ranges along a forest track and through a ford, crews wound their way through a series of chicanes and stop boxes before the cars shot back onto the public highway for the drive to the third Regularity from Arenig and a Passage Control at Bwlch y Groes.

Once again the views for the lucky few were impressive as the cars soared over the second-highest public road in Wales with a stinging accompaniment of wind-driven rain and hail. At times the singletrack road cutting through the bracken resembled a river. With lunchtime almost upon us there was only the descent and a short Test at Llanwddyn



to deal with. Very soon the crews had checked in to the Time Control and began to enjoy the hospitality of the 19th Century Lake Vyrnwy Hotel.

The afternoon proved to be less intense, beginning with a visit to a Route Check in Llangedwyn before tackling the Offa's Dyke Regularity. The Tulip diagrams had been modified to *encourage* the crews to take a more proactive approach to reading the signposts and other visual clues which the Organisers had seen fit to include in the route description. Those who got it right were rewarded with a visit to the Red Hall Lane Passage Control and a neat segue into the final Regularity of the day along the Bishop Bennet Way. This was another map-based section and, as before, it required the crews to plot and follow a route through a network of sunken lanes and over a patchwork of fields towards Carden Park and a well-deserved dinner.



Roger and Paul Ray, 1963 Volvo P1800S



Peter and Ferdi Forster, 1936 Lagonda LG45 Rapide



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#### Day 3 **Clwydian Hills**

24 March 2024

Easy like a Sunday morning? No chance! The last half day of the Generations Rally proved to be a full-gas blast from start to finish. There were four Tests, three Regularities and 95 miles before the crews could sit down to a well-deserved roast lunch and the all-important prize-giving ceremony.

In a day bookended by golfing and cheese references, Mark Appleton and Anthony Preston teed the crews up with a short, sharp Test around the car park of the famed Carden Park Golf course. Then it was off towards the first of the day's Regularities via a Route Check and a Passage Control on Halkyn Mountain, with views over the River Dee.

The section through Pen-y-Cefn and the low-lying Clwydian hills required crews to work out the correct route via a series of control points with just a page of

the Ordnance Survey map and a paragraph of basic instructions. The pace quickened for the second Test at the vast Lleweni Parc Airfield. The home of the Denbigh Gliding Club gave up their taxiways and runways for our - slightly more earth bound - delight. With long straights and plenty of chicanes this was a high-octane fix which the crews really appreciated.

Another Regularity around Coed Moel Prion brought the rev counter needle down to a lower position, as the route clawed its way through a series of steep, narrow lanes. We then dropped down to the Ruthin Livestock Market for another Test ahead of a Time Control and well-deserved bacon roll.

As thoughts turned towards the finish line, the Regularity over Nercwys Mountain kept the crews focussed. Leaving the maze of unmarked roads behind, there was still one more hurdle ahead of the chequered flag. The Hartsheath Test; our last timed section before crossing the border and



2nd place pre-war category: Nick and Jess Sleep, 1926 Bentley Supersports



Class 5 winners: Dick and Harry Baines, 1965 Austin Mini Cooper S



Classic Category winners: Jack and Simon Brien, 1972 Porsche 911







rolling under the finishing arch for a round of applause and a well-deserved beer.

After some serious number crunching by Chris Bruce, Lee and Sue Vincent in the results room, the overall winners were declared. A delighted Charlotte de Montmorency and Philippa Bailey in a 1938 Triumph Dolomite took the win in the Pre-war Category with Jack and Simon Brien's 1972 Porsche 911 taking the Classics Category. However, no matter what their overall position, every finisher took something home with them; a box of Cheshire Cheese.

It had been a closely fought Rally with only two seconds between Charlotte and Philippa and the second-placed 1926 Bentley Supersports of Nick and Jess Sleep. Graham Goodwin and Tommy Stevenson took third in another Bentley Supersports. Similarly in the Classics Category, it again came down to just two seconds with Roger and Leigh Powley's 1972 Porsche 911 E just missing out. Tomasz and Michal Dzitko's 1964 Triumph TR4 was a credible third.

Still dripping with champagne, two newcomers to the top step of the podium, but on their third *Generations Rally*, Charlotte and Philippa were understandably very pleased "We've had class wins before, but this is our first overall and it's a big first for me and a big first for Charlotte. It's been such a beautifully run event. We didn't do anything remarkable, we were consistent and we kept it steady and simple. We didn't overcomplicate anything and tried to have a laugh along the way."

Simon Brien is getting used to the taste of champagne now but, between some well-deserved swigs, he managed to say, "This is great for us, we won the *Carrera Riviera* last year, which was a real highlight, but this one is also special. It was short and sharp but very enjoyable. Jack's navigation was pretty handy too and we were on it during the Tests where we split the driving. We were relaxed and had a bit of a laugh along the way."

Jack added, "That's the main thing really, to enjoy it but when you spend so much time in the car together you find the winning formula. It's been a great weekend".

There were, as usual, a couple of discretionary awards. The Spirit of the Rally trophy went to Wendy O'Donohoe who brought her large, multi-generational motorsport family to the event comprising children and grandchildren. When they were all invited up to the stage there was hardly room for Carole Pearson from the event sponsor, Classic Insurance Services, to present the award. The Against All Odds cup went to George and Angus Johnson whose 750cc Austin 7 Ulster - the smallest car on the event - battled bravely to keep up with the big boys and girls. They fixed their own mechanical issues with the same enthusiasm and broad smiles they had when approaching the bar in the evenings.

From the organising team, Fred Gallagher was basking, both in the early spring sunshine and the plaudits coming in from the crews as they filed past his chequered flag. "In three



Class 4 winners: James and Niamh Timpson, 1956 Bristol 405



Class 9 winners: Shane and Con O'Neill, 1977 MGB GT V8



Tim and Matt Wheatley, 1966 Volvo 122 S Amazon









Overall winners: Jack Brien and Simon Brien, 1972 Porsche 911 & Charlotte de Montmorency and Philippa Bailey, 1938 Triumph Dolomite

short years we've built something of a must-do event and, as well as the fantastic competitors who bring themselves and their remarkable cars to us, I'd like to thank the entire *Rally the Globe* team for their efforts. Mark Appleton and Anthony Preston for finding the roads and Brynmor Pierce, the Chief Marshal, for putting together the superb team of volunteers who stood beside them and timed our every move"!

Clerk of the Course, Mark Appleton, had ensured another trouble-free event and was very pleased with the way the sporting side of the weekend had played out. "We've had an epic route, some challenging weather and some testing competition but everyone has thrown themselves into it and had a great time as a result. There was a waiting list for this Rally so it's really good to see the next generation of old car enthusiasts coming through the ranks and we've already had a lot of interest in next year's edition that will be based in Harrogate"!



Fred Gallagher sees in Dermot and Patrick Johnson, Alfa Romeo 1750 GS











































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44	David Liddell (GB) / Edward Liddell (GB)	Triumph TR4	1963	2198	6
45	Julie Holroyd (GB) / Olivia Holroyd (GB)	Austin Mini Cooper S	1964	1071	5
46	6 Andrew McAlpine (GB) / Henry McAlpine (GB)	Range Rover	1982	3500	9
47	7 Tomasz Dzitko (PL) / Michal Dzitko (PL)	Triumph TR4	1964	2138	6
48	B Gavin Henderson (GB) / Rory Henderson (GB)	Porsche 911	1965	1995	6
49	Shaun Harborne (GB) / Alex Harborne (GB)	Mercedes-Benz 230 SL	1965	2800	7
50	Gavin Webster (GB) / Jessica Webster (GB)	Jaguar Mk 2	1965	3400	7
5]	Alan Beardshaw (GB) / Douglas Beardshaw (GB)	Aston Martin DB5	1965	3996	7
52	Robert Wilkinson (GB) / Olivia Wilkinson (GB)	Aston Martin DB5	1965	4000	7
53	B Jamie O'Donohoe (IE) / Wendy O'Donohoe (IE)	Aston Martin DB5	1965	4000	7
54	Dick Baines (GB) / Harry Baines (GB)	Austin Mini Cooper S	1965	1275	5
55	Matthew Vestey Watson (GB) / Richard Watson (GB)	Austin Mini	1966	1275	5
56	6 Adrian Brooks (GB) / Lee Brooks (GB)	Volvo 122S	1966	1800	6
57	7 Tim Wheatley (GB) / Matt Wheatley (GB)	Volvo 122S Amazon	1966	1800	6
58	Ronan Hussey (IE) / Frank Hussey (IE)	MGB	1966	1850	6
59	Tiffany Rea (GB) / Juanita Brien (GB)	Lotus Elan	1967	1600	5
60	Paul Bretherick (GB) / Millie Bretherick (GB)	Volvo 123 GT	1967	1800	6
61	Charles Graves (GB) / Daniella Hope (GB)	Sunbeam Tiger	1967	4200	7
62	Maarten Bekkers (NL) / Cees Bekkers (NL)	Jaguar E-Type	1967	4200	7
64	Cathie Clarke (GB) / Maxwell Clarke (GB)	Austin Mini Cooper	1968	1400	5
65	Owen Ready (GB) / Mickey Gabbett (IE)	MGB GT	1968	1798	6
66	6 David Roberts (GB) / Lindsey Roberts (GB)	Mitsubishi Lancer	1977	1600	8
67	7 Ian Hopkinson (GB) / Duncan Hopkinson (GB)	MGC GT	1968	2912	7
68	B Antony Ross (GB) / Harriet Ross (GB)	Alfa Romeo 1750 Spider	1969	1788	8
70	Keith Graham (GB) / Lorcan Byrne (GB)	Mercedes-Benz 280 SL	1969	2778	17
7]	Mark Wilkinson (GB) / Edward Andrews (GB)	Mercedes-Benz 280 SL	1969	2800	7
73	B Martin Ruebel (CH) / Mia Ruebel (CH)	Alfa Romeo GTV	1971	1750	8
74	Drexel Gillespie (GB) / Caroline Jones (GB)	Ford Escort RS	1971	1998	8
75	David Ward (GB) / Eleanor Parham (GB)	Lancia Fulvia	1972	1584	8
76	6 Roger Powley (GB) / Leigh Powley (GB)	Porsche 911 E	1972	2400	9
77	7 Jack Brien (GB) / Simon Brien (GB)	Porsche 911	1972	2700	9/
78	B Mike Procter (GB) / Alexander Procter (GB)	Morris Mini	1973	1330	5
79	Michael Cotter (IE) / Gena Byron (IE)	Ford Escort Mexico	1973	1600	8
80	Carel Reinhardus (CH) / Tjabbo Reinhardus (NL)	Citroën CX	1986	2500	9
81	Andrew Laing (GB) / Erica Laing (GB)	Datsun 240Z	1973	2400	
82	2 Austin Baird (GB) / Harry Baird (GB)	Porsche 911	1973	2700	9
83	B William Lees-Jones (GB) / Bianca Lees-Jones (GB)	Fiat Dino Coupe	1972	2400	9





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1	CREW	VEHICLE	YEAR	CC (	CLASS
84	Douglas Neville-Jones (GB) / Frederick Neville-Jones (GB)	BMW 2002	1974	1990	8
85	Paul Taylor (GB) / Sophie Haslam (GB)	Ford Escort RS2000	1974	1993	8
86	Daniel O'Donohoe (IE) / Sarah India O'Donohoe (IE)	MG Midget	1966	1380	5
87	Nicole Whitelock (GB) / Jade Ripley (GB)	Porsche 912	1976	2000	8
88	Ben Brooks (GB) / Jacqui Brooks (GB)	Mercedes-Benz 450 SL	1976	4500	9
89	Shane O'Neill (GB) / Con O'Neill (GB)	MGB GT V8	1977	3528	9
90	Sarah Bennett-Baggs (Thorne) (GB) / Holly Thorne (GB)	Porsche 911 SC	1978	3000	9
91	Andrew O'Donohoe (IE) / Anna-Rose O'Donohoe (IE)	Leyland Mini	1979	1275	5
92	Roy Stephenson (GB) / William Stephenson (GB)	Porsche 911	1979	2994	9
93	Francis Rhatigan (IE) / Conor Rhatigan (IE)	Porsche 911 SC Targa	1979	3000	9
95	Michael Kershaw (GB) / Victoria Kershaw (GB)	Land Rover Range Rover	1981	3500	9
96	Richard Morton (GB) / Jack Morton (GB)	Morris Ital	1982	1275	8
97	Luci O'Donohoe (IE) / Christopher Grimes (IE)	Mini Mayfair	1983	1400	5
98	Sally Linton (GB) / Edward Stansfield (GB)	Ford Capri	1984	1600	8
99	Declan Costello (IE) / Jack Costello (IE)	Porsche 911 Targa	1986	3200	9
100	) Fiona O'Connell (GB) / Eamon O'Connell (GB)	Porsche 911	1989	3200	9

Classes		Cars of a specification built			
		from	to	CC	
1	Vintage		31/12/1930		
2	Small Post Vintage	01/01/1931	31/12/1945	up to 2,000cc	
3	Large Post Vintage	01/01/1931	31/12/1945	over 2,000cc	
4	Early Classic	01/01/1946	31/12/1960		
5	Small Classic	01/01/1961	31/12/1967	up to 1,700cc	
6	Medium Classic	01/01/1961	31/12/1967	1,700cc to 2,500cc	
7	Large Classic	01/01/1961	31/12/1967	over 2,500cc	
8	Small Late Classic & Youngtimer	01/01/1968	31/12/1985	up to 2,350cc	
9	Large Late Classic & Youngtimer	01/01/1968	31/12/1985	over 2,350cc	

#### Thank you!

We would like to say a massive thanks to all of the *Rally the Globe* team who worked on the event for the full weekend, as well as the huge number of local motor clubs and volunteer marshals who were out on the route in all weathers! An event like this isn't possible without support from the motorsport community, so a heartfelt thanks to all of you, and to Brynmor Pierce as Chief Marshal for coordinating all the volunteers.

We would also like to thank Carden Park Hotel, all the test venues we visited, and our lunch and coffee stops for keeping competitors well fuelled on the road, as well as our event sponsors Classic Insurance Services and our overall sponsors RM Sotheby's. There were so many people involved in making this event happen that we can't name every individual, but we really do appreciate everyone's enthusiasm and hard work in making this a fantastic event!







#### **Awards**

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#### 1st Overall

Pre-War Charlotte de Montmorency & Philippa Bailey, Triumph Dolomite

Classic Jack & Simon Brien, Porsche 911

#### 2nd Overall

Pre-War Nick & Jessica Sleep, Bentley Supersports Classic Roger & Leigh Powley, Porsche 911 E

#### 3rd Overall

Pre-War Graham Goodwin & Tommy Stevenson, **Bentley Supersports** 

Classic Tomasz & Michal Dzitko, Triumph TR4

#### Class 1. Vintage

1st Jonathan & Peonie Procter, Bentley 3/4½ 2nd John & Jennifer Kavanagh, Frazer Nash Supersport 3rd Craig & Cosmo McWilliam, Frazer Nash Supersport

#### Class 2. Small Post Vintage

1st Vincent Fairclough & Victoria Steele, MG TC 2nd Sally & Katie McVeigh, Fiat Balilla 3rd Simon & James Coppock, Riley 12/4 Special

#### Class 3. Large Post Vintage

1st Manuel Dubs & Luca Arrigucci, Ford Coupe 2nd Michael & Andrew Boland Jr, Ford V8

#### Class 4. Early Classic

1st James & Niamh Timpson, Bristol 405 2nd David & Robbie Gomes, Jaguar XK120 3rd Wendy & Victoria Birch, Porsche 356 Cabriolet

#### Class 5. Small Classic

1st Dick & Harry Baines, Austin Mini Cooper S 2nd Mike & Alexander Procter, Morris Mini 3rd Cathie & Maxwell Clarke, Austin Mini Cooper Best on Tests: Jack Brien, Porsche 911

Best on Regularities: Alexander Procter, Morris Mini

Best Team: 'Faster Dad!'

Dick & Harry Baines, Austin Mini Cooper S Roger & Leigh Powley, Porsche 911 E Mike & Alexander Procter, Morris Mini

**Spirit of the Rally:** Wendy O'Donohoe and family

Aston Martin DB5

Against all Odds: George & Angus Johnson,

Austin 7 Ulster

#### Class 6. Medium Classic

1st David & Edward Liddell, Triumph TR4 2nd Ronan & Frank Hussey, MGB 3rd Mickey Gabbett & Owen Ready, MGB GT

#### Class 7. Large Classic

1st Shaun & Alex Harborne, Mercedes-Benz 230 SL 2nd Keith Graham & Lorcan Byrne, Mercedes-Benz 280 SL 3rd Robert & Olivia Wilkinson, Aston Martin DB5

#### Class 8. Small Late Classic & Youngtimer

1st Paul Taylor & Sophie Haslam, Ford Escort RS2000 2nd David Ward & Eleanor Parham, Lancia Fulvia 3rd David & Lindsey Roberts, Triumph TR250

#### Class 9. Large Late Classic & Youngtimer

1st Shane & Con O'Neill, MGB GT V8 2nd Roy & William Stephenson, Porsche 911 3rd Andrew & Henry McAlpine, Range Rover





Congratulations to all who took part in the 2024 Generations Rally!

The Classic Insurance Services team would like to say a big thank you to all involved in the weekend. Firstly, to Loren, Gavin, Rory and Fred for looking after us but most importantly to all of the crews who took part - it was a pleasure to meet and speak to so many of you.

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