



winter rally 95

SATURDAY 25th FEBRUARY 1995

Round 1 of the Mintex National Rally Series.

A round of the ASWMC, ACSMC & LCAMC Rally Championships.



Organised by the Southern Car Club Ltd and Croydon & District Motor Club Ltd.

Sponsored by Sunseeker Powerboats.

**In association with Bournemouth Office of Tourism, Forest Enterprise and
Forestdale Hotels.**

OFFICIAL PROGRAMME £3.00

**MINTEX
NATIONAL
RALLY SERIES**

HISTORY OF THE WINTER RALLY

Over the years the Winter Rally has become widely regarded as one of the best-promoted national events in the country. Always popular with spectators and competitors alike, the rally is accessible and exciting to watch. This year, you will have even more chances to catch the action. A major innovation this year is the addition of the second run at the ever popular Winter Gardens spectator special. Traditionally, the Winter Rally has started with this spectacular blast along Bournemouth's sea front, but for the first time, the rally will finish with second stage in the Winter Gardens, providing a dramatic finale to the day's action.

European Format

Last year, Clerk of the Course Rick Smith introduced the innovation of running to a European format, with loops of stages interspersed with central servicing at a single venue. While the loop format is retained, servicing will be split between two separate venues, much to the delight of Bournemouth football fans! Why? Well, servicing on the Winter Rally normally takes place at King's Park. Never, in the history of the event has Bournemouth Football Club needed the venue, because they've always been knocked out of the Cup before the rally arrived. This time, Bournemouth FC are still in the thick of the action! They'll be playing at home on the day of the rally, so the first service will still take place at King's Park, but the second service, in the afternoon, will be situated at Avon Forest Park on the A31, south of Ringwood, thanks to Bournemouth's success. Well done lads! Please remember, however, that if you want to see high performance rally cars being totally rebuilt in a few minutes, it is best to catch the action at King's Park in the morning, and avoid the second service. There's very little parking at Avon Forest Park and it is sure to be very congested.

In the Beginning

The Winter Rally wasn't always a major spectator sports event. Like so many special stage rallies of its type, the event began life as a small, local navigational competition on public roads. It has since gone through many changes to arrive at its current status as the major rally in the south of England.

In 1974, in the guise of the Southern Rally, it ran overnight for the first time and put both navigators and drivers to the test around the tight and twisty lanes of Surrey and Sussex.

Today's more spectator-orientated format, with the vast majority of the competition run in daylight on forestry gravel track, was adopted in 1981. In 1984 car giant Citroen gave its name to five rallies between 1984 and 1987 — 1985 was a particularly good year for southern rallying with two events in the same year! With Citroen's involvement came several fundamental changes

— it first became known as the Winter Rally and it was also at this time that Southern Car Club entered into an organisational partnership with Croydon & District Motor Club and the whole event moved lock, stock and barrel to its new home in the forests of Ringwood and Wareham.

Come in Bournemouth

The evolution continued in 1986, when the previously 'restricted' status event became a 'national', prior to being selected as the opening round of the British National Championship the following year. To recognise its enhanced position as a showpiece for rallying in the south, the organisers chose to move to a new home and a new base: Bournemouth, with the impressive Swallow Highcliff Hotel taking on the role of Rally Headquarters.

After Citroen, Mazda Cars (UK) picked up the mantle of sponsor in 1988, heralding the start of a six year association which led to the rally becoming generally known as the 'Mazda'. In 1992 Car-Line, part of the Preferred Assurance Group, joined Mazda in the event title and received enough feedback from their involvement to persuade them to do it again in 1993. Sugar and syrup giant Tate & Lyle also joined in the fun along with Magna Motors, Bournemouth's Mazda dealership.

Innovation

Route notes — compiled by former International co-driver Rob Arthur — were supplied to all competitors for the first time in 1992 and these described the severity of the corners and natural hazards to be found in each of the timed special stages. While potentially increasing the pace of the rally, it was felt that the notes would make it safer than the traditional 'drive-on-sight' approach adopted by most organisers. The innovation found favour with competitors and has been continued for each subsequent event.

Funnily enough, despite its name, the Winter Rally has yet to see snow. 'Rain-lashed' is a phrase often used by local journalists and then, in 1989, high winds brought down hundreds of trees in the week prior, threatening for a time the viability of the event. Only the sterling work by the Forestry Commission prevented what may have been the first cancellation of this hardy annual! Then, at the opposite end of the spectrum, in 1992 drivers were complaining of strong sunlight making it difficult to see!

However, the vagaries of the British climate will mean that good weather is by no means assured as competitors gather at the new Rally Headquarters at the Wessex Hotel, for the start of another season of events in the county's most popular Rally Championship!

ROUTE MAP & TIMETABLE



winter
rally 95

The event is a qualifying round for:
1995 Mintex National Rally Series

Also rounds of the:
The ACSMC 'Autocross'
Stage Rally Championship
The 'Adrian Brown Competition Tyres'
ASWMC Stage
Rally Championship
The LCAMC Stage Rally Championship

Organised by:
**The Southern Car Club Ltd and
Croydon & District Motor Club Ltd.**

The event is run under:
The 1995 General Regulations of the
RAC Motor Sports Association Ltd.
(Incorporating the provisions of
the International Sporting Code of the
FIA) and the Championship
Regulations of the
Mintex National Rally Series

Mintex National Rally Series
Permit Number — 95R5322

Rally Headquarters
Wessex Hotel, Bournemouth.

FRIDAY 24th FEBRUARY
Scrutineering from 12.30 hours. Two
rivers meet leisure centre
Christchurch.

SATURDAY 26th FEBRUARY
Start Bournemouth Town Square
08.00 hours
Finish Bournemouth Town Square
27.30 hours
Prize Presentation Wessex Hotel,
Bournemouth 22.00 hours

Text photography by
COLIN TAYLOR PRODUCTIONS
GAVIN LODGE PHOTOGRAPHY
TONY LARGE PHOTOGRAPHIC
This programme is produced and
distributed by
Tudor Journals Ltd

All contents of the official programme
are copyright and may not be
reproduced in any form whatsoever
without the written permission
of the publishers.

Tudor Journals Ltd
February 1995

**MOTORSPORT IS DANGER AND
PERSONS ATTENDING THE MEETING
DO SO ENTIRELY AT HIS 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 meeting,
including the 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.

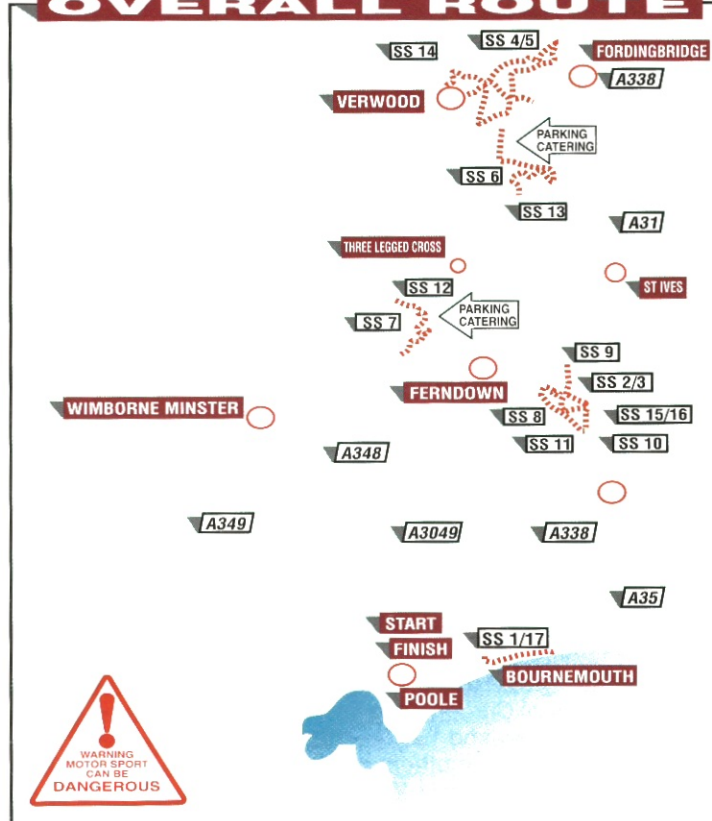
TIMETABLE

FRIDAY 24th FEBRUARY 1995: SCRUTINEERING
TWO RIVERS MEET LEISURE CENTRE, CHRISTCHURCH.
FROM 12.30hrs

| SATURDAY 25th FEBRUARY | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|
| START..... | Bournemouth Town Square | 08:00 |
| SS1 | Pavilion Gardens 1 | 08:03 |
| SS2 | Barnsfield | 08:23 |
| SS3 | Grange | 08:33 |
| SS4 | St Stephens | 10:07 |
| SS5 | Plumley Wood | 10:19 |
| SS6 | Ebbleke | 10:39 |
| SS7 | White Sheet | 11:00 |
| SS8 | Hurn North | 11:15 |
| SS9 | Foxbury | 12:53 |
| SS10 | Matchams | 13:03 |
| SS11 | Hurn South | 14:09 |
| SS12 | Staple Hill | 14:25 |
| SS13 | Ashley Heath | 14:43 |
| SS14 | Mount Ararat | 14:59 |
| SS15 | St Leonards 1 | 16:16 |
| SS16 | St Leonards 2 | 16:31 |
| SS17 | Pavilion Gardens 2 | 16:58 |
| FINISH..... | Bournemouth Town Square | 17:30 |

- SS1 Sponsored by Bournemouth Tourism
- SS4 Sponsored by Bournemouth Evening Echo
- SS5 Sponsored by Champion Production TV.
- SS6 Sponsored by Sunseeker Powerboats
- SS7 Sponsored by Hendy Ford
- SS8 Sponsored by Forestdale Wessex Hotel
- SS11 Sponsored by Forestdale Wessex Hotel
- SS12 Sponsored by Hendy Ford
- SS13 Sponsored by Sunseeker Powerboats
- SS14 Sponsored by Bournemouth Evening Echo
- SS17 Sponsored by Bournemouth Tourism

OVERALL ROUTE



LIST OF ENTRANTS

| NO | DRIVER/CO-DRIVER | ENTRANT/Sponsor | CAR | CLASS |
|----|---------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|-------|
| 0 | DAVID GILLANDERS/John Bennie | | Ford Escort RS Cosworth | A8 |
| 1 | CHRIS MELLORS/Brian Goff | | Ford Escort RS Cosworth | A8 |
| 2 | MURRAY GRIERSON/Stewart Merry | | Subaru Legacy | A8 |
| 3 | RAYMOND MUNRO/Graham Brunton | | Ford Escort RS Cosworth | B12 |
| 4 | STEVE HILL/Stella Boyles | | Mitsubishi Galant VR4 | A8 |
| 5 | TREVOR SMITH/Roger Jones | | Ford Escort RS Cosworth | B12 |
| 6 | BRIAN LYALL/Neil Ewing | | Ford Escort RS Cosworth | A8 |
| 7 | JEREMY EASSON/ | | Ford Escort RS Cosworth | N4 |
| 8 | TIM ELLIS JONES/Huw Lewis | | | A8 |
| 9 | STEVE PETCH/Peter Croft | | Subaru Impreza 555 | N4 |
| 10 | MARCUS DODD/Stephen McAuley | | Ford Escort RS Cosworth | N4 |
| 12 | TONY DAVIES/Ryland James | | BL MG Metro 6R4 | B12 |
| 14 | ROGER DUCKWORTH/Mark Broomfield | | Ford Sierra XR 4x4 | B12 |
| 15 | RICHARD MOORE/Alun Cook | Buywell Retail Park | Subaru Impreza 555 | A8 |
| 16 | MICHAEL HORNE/Roy Campbell | | Ford Sapphire Cosworth | B12 |
| 17 | NEALE DOUGAN/Chris Wood | | Ford Escort RS Cosworth | B12 |
| 18 | JEFF DEWITT/Tom Johnston | | Ford Escort RS Cosworth | B12 |
| 19 | PETER STEPHENSON/ | | Ford Escort RS Cosworth | B12 |
| 20 | BRIAN BELL/Paul Spooner | | Ford Escort RS Cosworth | A8 |
| 22 | STEVE HENDY/Mark Milton | Hendy Ford Motorsport | Ford Escort RS Cosworth | B12 |
| 23 | PAUL KIRTLEY/John Geldart | | Ford Sierra Cosworth 4x4 | B12 |
| 24 | MICK JONES/Andy Morgan | | Mitsubishi Galant VR4 | B12 |
| 25 | STEWART SOMERVILLE/Roy Perrin | | Ford Escort RS Cosworth | A8 |
| 26 | SIMON REDHEAD/ | | Mitsubishi Galant VR4 | A8 |
| 27 | GARY SMITH/ | | Ford Sierra Cosworth | B12 |
| 28 | LEIGH HYNES/Glenn McNeal | | Ford Sierra Cosworth | N4 |
| 29 | STEVE SMITH/Brian Hughes | | Lancia Deta HF Integrale | A8 |
| 30 | ALISTAIR TOUGH/Alan Bland | | Ford Escort Mk1 | B11 |
| 33 | KENNY DORANS/Gerald Baille | | Ford Escort RS Cosworth | B12 |
| 34 | SIMON GUDGEON/ | | Ford Sierra Cosworth | A8 |
| 35 | DAVID SHERING/Terence Young | | Ford Sierra Cosworth | A8 |
| 36 | JULIAN REYNOLDS/Steve Harris | | Peugeot 205 GTI | A7 |
| 37 | ANDREW ORCHARD/Paul Hughes | | Ford Escort RS Cosworth | B12 |
| 38 | GEOFF SMITH/Mike Armistead | Team Priority Airfreight Ltd | Ford Escort RS Cosworth | N4 |



| NO | DRIVER/CO-DRIVER | ENTRANT/Sponsor | CAR | CLASS |
|-----------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| 41 | MARK POLLARD/Graham Mockridge | | Ford Escort RS Cosworth | A8 |
| 42 | JERRY BAILEY/Darren Loveys | | BMW M3 | A8 |
| 43 | MARK WORLEY/Graham Morris | | Ford Escort RS Cosworth | B12 |
| 44 | TONY JARDINE/TBA | | Ford Escort RS Cosworth | N4 |
| 46 | GEOFF BENNETT/Tim Walker | | Ford Escort RS | B11 |
| 47 | MICHAEL RUSSELL/David McKinlay | | Ford Escort RS Cosworth | N4 |
| 49 | MARTIN MEADOWS/Ian Oakey | | Vauxhall Nova GSi | A6 |
| 50 | DICK MAUGER/Andrew Street | | Ford Escort | B10 |
| 51 | ROBIN BRADBURY/Charlie Husband | Havenkey Ltd | Ford Escort | B11 |
| 52 | INNES MARLOW/Alyson Marlow | | Ford Sierra Cosworth | A8 |
| 53 | BAMBOS CHARALAMBOUS/Ron Roughead | | Ford Sierra Cosworth | N4 |
| 55 | PETER THORNTON/Sean Kelly | | Vauxhall Astra GSi | N3 |
| 56 | STEPHANIE SIMMONITE/Rachael Simmonite | | Peugeot 205 GTi | A7 |
| 57 | STEVEN QUINE/Richard Skinner | | Vauxhall Astra GTE | N3 |
| 58 | JOHN CLINTON/Jon Griffiths | | Peugeot 306 S16 | A7 |
| 59 | DOUG HAMMOND/Pete Chapman | | Vauxhall Astra | N3 |
| 61 | MARTIN NEWCOMBE/Peter Newcombe | | Ford Escort RS2000 | B11 |
| 62 | ROD BENNETT/Rob Langley | | Lancia HF Integrale | A8 |
| 63 | NIGEL HEATH/Tim Hely | | Ford Escort RS Cosworth | N4 |
| 64 | DAVE WESTON/Ian Joice | Atkinsons Motorsport, Rally Car Hire | Vauxhall Nova GSi | A6 |
| 65 | BRYAN GILL/Joyce Champion | | Daihatsu Charade GT | N3 |
| 66 | ANDREA HALL/Sue Mee | | Peugeot 205 GTi | N3 |
| 68 | DAVID OWEN/Robert Duck | | Vauxhall Astra GSi | N3 |
| 70 | PAUL THOMAS/Steve Chetwynd | | Vauxhall Astra | A8 |
| 71 | DENNIS TATE/Andrew Wilson | | Vauxhall Astra GSi | N3 |
| 72 | MALCOLM CONIBEAR/Mike Jones | | Audi Coupe S2 | A8 |
| 73 | MARK COLLINS/Catherine Phillipson | | Peugeot 205 GTi | A7 |
| 74 | ANDREW TILL/Norman Till | | Vauxhall Nova | N1 |
| 75 | DAVE BODEN/Andy Parkhurst | | Vauxhall Nova | N1 |
| 76 | ADAM SMITH/Caroline Vargacz | | Peugeot 205 GTi | N3 |
| 77 | JANE EDGINGTON/Julie Entwistle | | Peugeot 205 GTi | A7 |
| 78 | CARL DOLAN/Paul Clarke | | Rover Mini Cooper 1.3i | N1 |
| 79 | TREVOR GODWIN/David Wyr | | Rover Mini Cooper 1.3i | A5 |
| 80 | ROGER RAY/Barry Hyett | | Ford Fiesta | B10 |