

SOUTH WALES GROUP

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AUTUMN has arrived and passed on hereabouts and no "Indian Summer" either unless one includes the Monsoon period! When autumn comes to the beautiful hills and verdant valleys of Wales it means for the rally enthusiast the start of his sporting season.

Unfortunately, for many of the local residents, it is coincidental with a seemingly unending stream of tuned (?) exhausts and broken slumbers, for this is the happy hunting ground of enthusiasts not only in South Wales but in the Midlands, the South and South-East.

In the last month much comment has been made in the Welsh national and local Press of the nuisance caused by rally drivers. Perhaps it matters little that local clubs get the brunt of the blame whether guilty or not. What does matter is that unless organisers and drivers take the utmost care to minimise possible grounds for complaint there will no longer be a welcome in the hillside for any of us.

It was the preliminary announcement of our recent successful Hobby Horse Rally held on 11th/12th November which fanned the smouldering fires of discontent. Organised by our competition secretaries, Don Cox and Tony Gibbs with the assistance of the Aberdare M.C. and Abergavenny A.C., the 21 starters covered some 300 miles through Monmouthshire, Herefordshire and Brecknockshire. It was not only the longest rally we have held but the best planned, organised and marshalled to date.

Official results:

1st—Derek Holley (B.A.R.C.): 2nd—Malcolm Gibbs (B.A.R.C.): 3rd—Randall Morgan (Aberdare): All in Ford Anglias.

On 2nd October a reception was held at Group H.Q. for the presentation to the Group of the Hobby Horse Silver Challenge Cup by Mr. Maurice Jupp, Managing Director of Rhymney Breweries Ltd., the donors; the Tredegar Chamber of Trade Challenge Shield by its Chairman Mr. S. Jones. Also received were a silver challenge cup from member Mr. B. D. (Dave) Bartlett on behalf of Beaufort Garage Limited, Ebbw Vale, and another from Dr. T. R. Bryant, J.P., who was our first Hon. Treasurer.

The October rally was held as a Sunday afternoon run which required the navigation by route card of some 75 miles plus the finding of a large quantity of "treasure" of dubious value! The rally was won by Mrs. R. Radford. This is the first time one of our increasing number of lady members has got a first. Well done, Ruby!

Our third annual dinner on 16th November suffered from some lack of support. None-the-less those who attended enjoyed some excellent dancing and company.

15th Dec. Evening Event: 1st Jan. Club Night. 13/14 Jan. New Year Rally (half-night—closed): 5th Feb. Club night.

Vic Hesketh