

ATS CORACLE STAGES

SUNDAY JULY 6th 2003

Organised by:- Carmarthen and Epynt Motor Clubs Ltd.

This Sunday, (6th July 2003), Carmarthen and Epynt Motor Clubs join forces once again to run the ATS Coracle Stages Rally, which will be held entirely within the Sweet Lamb Complex in Mid Wales.

The event will consist of eight special stages run over the loose surface Sweet Lamb roads, and will provide a challenging day out for the 60 plus car entry. It is a round of the Sweet Lamb Welsh Clubmans, A..N.W.CC. and Dunlop A.S.W.MC. Loose Surface Stage Championships.

Former British National Rally Champion, Graham Middleton, partnered by Llandoverly's John Morgan, leads the field away in his Toyota Corolla WRC, and will be out to repeat his 2002 win on this event.

Yorkshire's Simon Redhead starts at two, with Welshman Alan Thomas in the left hand seat of his Subaru Impreza, and the pair, who always go well at the venue, will be looking to score another podium finish. They are followed away by Ludlow crew Shaun Gardener / Dave Brick, who should prove to be Middleton's nearest challengers, as they get to grips with their recently acquired Mitsubishi Lancer EvO 5.

After a long lay off from the sport, Pembrokeshire's Roland Llewelin returned to Rallying in style this year, as he took a debut win in his new Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 6 on the Rali Cwm Gwendraeth. Together with Teifi Valley navigator Eurig Evans, Llewelin has put in some good performances in the Kumho Tyres National series this year, and given a problem free run this pair are expected to be challenging for victory.

Mike Reed, who was the early leader of the recent Red Dragon Rally before retirement, and Carl Sorensen are the leading A.S.W.M.C. entrants in their Ford Escort Cosworth, should finish amongst the leading crews on current form.

Last year, Bob Morgan / Dave Saunders finished in eighth place in their Escort Cosworth, just ten seconds behind the Kenny brothers, Andrew and Gary, from Telford, who are seeded one place behind in seventh position in their Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 7.

Northerner Gary Tomlinson has chosen the ATS Coracle Stages for his comeback event after a few years away from the sport as he returns in a Subaru Impreza, and having taken third place here in the past, will be hoping for a similar result.

Number nine seed Will Onions is the first of the two wheel drive runners in his Escort Kit Car, whilst former A.N.W.C.C. Tarmac Champion, Robert Dick, who has made a successful transition to loose surface rallying this year, rounds off the top ten in his Ford Escort.

Spectators are welcome at the venue, which can be accessed from the A44 Aberystwyth to Llangurig road, with the entrance at map reference (135 / 136) 840 828. Excellent viewing is available in the "bowl complex," from where cars can be seen traversing a number of sections of the special stages.

The first stage starts at 10.00hrs, with the final stages scheduled to start around 15.00hrs.

Leading Entries

1. Graham Middleton / John Morgan
2. Simon Redhead / Alan Thomas
3. Shaun Gardener / Dave Brick
4. Roland Llewellyn / Eurig Evans
5. Mike Reed / Carl Sorensen
6. Bob Morgan / Dave Saunders
7. Andrew kenny / Gary Kenny
8. Gary Tomlinson / Richard Wilson
9. Will Onions / Steve Quinne
10. Robert Dick / Barry Green

Toyota Corolla WRC
Subaru Impreza
Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 5
Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 6
Ford Escort Cosworth
Ford Escort Cosworth
Ford Escort Cosworth
Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 7
Ford Escort RS 2000 Kit Car
Ford Escort RS