

West Wales Rally Spares Christmas Stages Rally – 28th December 2011

This Wednesday (28th December 2011) the Welsh Motorsport Centre at Pembrey will host the final special stage rally of the year in Wales, the West Wales Rally Spares Christmas Stages Rally.

Once again, the organising Carmarthen Motor Club have attracted a full 70 car entry for their ever popular event.

Leading the bumper field away will be Peter Lloyd, who has probably won more events at the venue than anybody else. Partnered by Martin Henry, Lloyd will bring the only Subaru Impreza WRC S14 currently rallying in Wales, and is hot favourite for another win at Pembrey.

Last years winners Bryan Davies/Alun Lewis start at number two in their Mitsubishi Lancer Evo VI, and will no doubt provide a stern challenge to Lloyd, having been runners up on the Peter Lloyd Stages Rally at Pembrey in October.

After winning the recent Talbenny Stages, Rob Tout will be keen to repeat his victory this week, and on this occasion will have Hu Kent in the navigator's seat of his Mitsubishi Lancer Evo 9. He will face stiff competition from fourth seeds, Nigel Jones/Tracey Giddings who will be eager to round off the season with a good result in their Subaru Impreza.

Another former winner of the event, Gwyndaf Jenkins starts at 5 with Jim Winchester alongside, and is first of the two wheel drive crews in his Darrian T90.

A trio of Subarus follow driven by Mark Ellis, Alan Bowen and Philip Turner, whilst former National Tramacadam Champion Geoff Kitney, partnered by Ken Gibbard rounds follows at 9 in their Mitsubishi Lancer Evo V1.

The top ten is rounded off by event sponsor Gareth Lloyd in his Ford Escort Mk 2, with daughter Heini navigating, and they will look forward to renewing the battle they had on last years event with Carmarthens Peter Barrett/Dylan Jones in a similar car, both crews hoping to repeat their 2010 top ten finishes. Running close behind, will be promising Pembrokeshire youngster Jason Davies in another Ford Escort, and his navigator Trystan Lloyd will no doubt be aiming to finish ahead of father, Gareth.

There is an interesting entry at number 12, with former British National Champion, Graham Middleton driving a Ford Escort on his first outing for some time, whilst Builth Wells' Jason Pritchard swaps his usual Subaru Impreza for a Ford Fiesta ST for this event.

Amongst the local crews, William John/Arfon Griffiths will be hoping to repeat their 1400cc class win of last year in their Vauxhall Nova, whilst grandfather and granddaughter crew Terry Brown/Angharad Williams will be favourites for victory in the historic class in their Ford Escort RS 1800.

Spectators are welcome, and the action begins at the Welsh Motorsport Centre at Pembrey at 09.45am.