

News release
September 7, 2018

Elfyn looking forward to Rallyday outing

M-Sport World Rally Team driver and last year's Dayinsure Wales Rally GB winner Elfyn Evans has confirmed his attendance at Rallyday later this month.

The superstar Welshman, always among the most popular drivers at the Castle Combe event, is looking forward to being back among the Rallyday regulars once again on September 22.

Elfyn, 29, said: "September wouldn't be September without Rallyday. This is a day for the real rally fans and I like that.

"I like the fact that you go in there and see so many different cars from so many different eras in the sport. And it's the perfect place to meet up with old friends and familiar faces; we come to Rally GB every year and there's never enough time to say hello to everybody. Rallyday's great for that."

Evans added that he had a particular interest in Rallyday's 60th birthday celebration of the Prestone British Rally Championship.

"The British Rally Championship will always have a special place in our house," said Elfyn. "I remember when my Dad (Gwyndaf Evans) won it [in 1996], it was a really big thing for him and it was the same for me when I did it a few years later.

"When you look back at the list of drivers who have won the British title, you can see why it's such a big deal. It'll be nice to be there to celebrate with some of the other drivers and co-drivers."

And co-drivers don't come much more important than Howard Davies, the man who guided Gwyndaf to that 1996 title. Howard returns to Rallyday on Saturday September 22, where he will receive another warm welcome from fans.

"There's nobody quite like Howard," said Elfyn, "he's got such a great way with the fans – not to mention a great way of putting people on the spot! He asked me if I was coming to Rallyday this year and, well, you don't really say no to Howard, do you..."

But it's Elfyn's preparations for the defence of his historic Dayinsure Wales Rally GB victory of last season that most Rallyday fans will be keen to listen in to.

"Taking that first win at home was a special moment," said Elfyn. "To be honest, I can't believe another year's passed and we're heading back there already! It's always nice to get to your home round, back to where it all began. This year's Rally GB has the potential to be quite a different rally this year; running a month earlier,

we could be in for some drier and warmer weather which would change the nature of the stages.”

Rallyday organiser Tom Davis said he was delighted to welcome Elfyn back.

“Elfyn’s always been a huge hit with fans here at Rallyday. He’s right: September wouldn’t be September without Rallyday, but Rallyday wouldn’t be Rallyday without Elfyn. We’re delighted to have him – and Howard, of course – with us again. I’m looking forward to the stories as much as the next person!”

Elfyn will represent reigning World Rally Champions M-Sport Ford World Rally Team, with the Cumbrian squad unable to make this year’s event due to testing commitments.

M-Sport managing director Malcolm Wilson says the team would like to be back next year.

“We came to Rallyday last year and got an incredible welcome. We haven’t forgotten that and we will be back again. But this year it’s really complicated with cars coming home from Rally Turkey and testing going on for Rally GB, we just couldn’t make it work. We wish Tom and his team all the best for the event.”

Go to rallyday.com for advance tickets priced at £18 per adult (£25 on the gate). Under-17s, accompanied by an adult, get in for free.

Ends