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Champion, champions and superstars line up at Rallyday

This Saturday's Rallyday is shaping up to be one of the best in the event's 18-year history, with British rally heroes David Llewelin, David Bogie and Ryan Champion all confirmed and looking forward to an action-packed day at Castle Combe.

Llewelin and Champion are no strangers to Europe's finest and most fever one-day rally show, but it's all new for superstar Scot David Bogie.

The Scottish Rally Championship's most successful ever driver – with five back-to-back domestic titles (2009-2013) – David is sure to be a big hit with the Rallyday fans in a very special Ford Escort Mk II.

"I've heard a lot about Rallyday," said Bogie, "but I've never been down, it's one of those events I've always wanted to do, but this will be the first time – I'm really looking forward to it.

"I'm coming as a guest of Palletforce and bringing the Escort down. It's in Tarmac-spec with a 2.5 Millington engine, it sounds great and goes well. Hopefully we'll be able to put on a good show for the fans."

The show for the fans is very much what Rallyday is all about. Thousands come from across Europe to see the very best rally cars from up and down the decades.

Bogie is very much part of the modern era of the sport. A win and three podiums from his last three Prestone British Rally Championship outings mean he arrives at the series' last round, next month's Dayinsure Wales Rally GB, in second place and looking to end his year with a flourish and a win.

Ryan Champion is one of British rallying's most popular figures. Driving a Mitsubishi Lancer Evo IX, he came within an ace of winning the 2006 British Rally Championship title after victories on the Pirelli and Trackrod Rallies. Since then Ryan has competed on a variety of rallies around the world.

His biggest success came on the 2017 East African Safari Classic Rally, which he won in a Porsche 911, beating Rallyday favourite and former world champion Stig Blomqvist.

"Rallyday's always a great event," said Ryan, who will be driving and interviewing some of the sport's biggest stars on Saturday. "It's going to be a busy one behind the wheel and talking to people, but I can't wait – it's an event I look forward to every year."

One man, one Welshman, who didn't win one British Rally Championship is David Llewelin. He didn't win one, because he won two in 1989 and 1990.

"Rallyday's such a great chance to catch up with friends and see some great cars again," said David, who followed his British success in a car run by Phil Collins – who will also be in attendance on Saturday – with the step up to the World Rally Championship with Nissan.

You can hear all the stories from down the decades with Champion and his fellow champions on Saturday.

Rallyday organiser Tom Davis said: "Those guys have just said it all, haven't they? It's going to be a great day. We're getting close now and you can feel the excitement building around the place.

"We've got so many quality cars coming, the Clubman section is packed with rally cars with some unbelievable history. If I could give fans a word of advice, it would be to get here early – there's so much to see in one day."

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.

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