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2 Wheel Motorsport

Shakey strives For 7 BSB Titles.

After the first three rounds of the 2018 British Superbike Championship, reigning champion and FUCHS Silkolene Ambassador Shane Byrne is well in contention for top spot and a record extending seventh BSB title.

Leon Haslam leading the pack.

Already claiming three race wins this season, 2017's championship runner up Leon Haslam is looking to go one better this year.

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4 Wheel Motorsport

1st Race win for Morgan in 2018.

A solid start for Adam Morgan in his bid for the 2018 British Touring Car Title with a string of good results and a race win at Donington Park.

Fierce competition in the FUCHS LUBRICANTS sponsored rallies.

Title sponsor to two of the UK's best Historic Rally Championships, we look back at the opening rounds.

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Shakey hunts for a 7th BSB title

Be Wiser Ducati Champion start for Shakey.

FUCHS Silkolene ambassador Shane 'Shakey' Byrne set about defending his BSB title alongside team-mate Glenn Irwin with solid points in the opening three rounds of the 2018 BSB Championship. Shakey claimed his first win of the season in round 2 with Glenn also finding the podium at the event.

Glenn Irwin now looks forward to the NW200, a race he won last year, setting the fastest recorded lap in the process.

BSB Championship Standings after round 3, Oulton Park:

3rd	Shane Byrne	98 Points
5th	Glenn Irwin	59 Points



First win for Leon



JG Speedfit Winning feeling for Leon.

JG Speedfit Kawasaki's Leon Haslam got back to winning ways in this year's BSB Championship claiming race wins in round two and both races of round three to lead the standings.

Team-mate Luke Mossey has also gathered decent points to start the season.

BSB Championship Standings after round 3:

1st	Leon Haslam	115 Points
14th	Luke Mossey	23 Points



Peter Hickman pre-race strategy

Smiths Racing BMW Top 10 for Hickman.

The Smiths Racing BMW team have had a tough start to the 2018 British Superbike Championship with breakout star Peter Hickman only able to claim a best result of eighth over the first three rounds.

Team-mate Sylvain Barrier is still adjusting to life in BSB as he is yet to score a race point in this very competitive championship.

BSB Championship Standings after round 3:

15th	Peter Hickman	21 Points
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EHA/In Competition Racing Plenty of 'Speed In Reid' as he double podiums At Brands Indy.

Andrew Reid scored a double podium at Brands Hatch, including a race one victory, a fastest lap, and a fine third place aboard his Aprilia RSV4 RF. Joe Collier also claimed second place over the Bank Holiday meeting at Oulton Park – maintaining the team's one hundred percent podium record to date this season.

National 1000cc Superstock Championship standings after round 3:

3rd	Joe Collier	75 Points
4th	Andrew Reid	66 Points



Speedway Great Britain Danny King.

FUCHS Silkolene sponsored speedway rider Danny King competes for both Leicester Lions in the SGB Premiership and Ipswich Witches in the SGB Championship.

Leicester currently sit fourth in their league after 4 race meetings.

More success is coming in the Championship as Danny and his team hold the number two spot at this early point of the season.



Holding off the competition

Marcus Hudson Racing A steady start to 2018 for Marcus.

Even following the front upright failing in the kart, Marcus still managed to achieve 2nd place in heat one and 6th place in the final of the NKF Super 4 250 British Championship.

Marcus: "If we didn't have the upright fail in heat 2 we could have been higher up the grid but that's racing, sometimes your luck's in and sometimes it's not. I made a place up on the start and finished in 6th place."

NKF Super 4 250 British Championship Standings:

7th	Marcus Hudson	140 Points
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Freddie is adjusting well to his new age group

Freddie Housley Racing Fast lap Freddie.

Larkhall Circuit in Scotland was the venue for Freddie's latest cadet Kart outing against junior competitors 2-3 years older and more experienced. Although starting at the back as a novice of a small grid of 7 Honda Cadets he won heat 3, claiming the fastest lap.

Freddie started the final well before hitting the gravel. After a decent recovery he crossed the line in 6th place.



Championship credentials



Eunan hits the front

Team 109 Racing McGlinchey on top.

After a fantastic opening weekend at Donington Park, the FUCHS Silkolene backed team enjoyed more success in the British Junior Supersport Championship at Brands Hatch with rider Eunan McGlinchey once again the man to beat. Scoring a win and two second place finishes, he extends his championship lead to almost 30 points.

British Junior Supersport Championship:
1st Eunan McGlinchey 110 Points

Rider Profiles Kershaw Racing

Steve (30) and Stuart (35) from Lauder in the Scottish Borders currently compete in the Formula 1 British Sidecar Championship.

With years of racing experience and championship titles including the 2009 North East F2 club champion, 2010 British F2 Cup winners, 2011 North East F1 club champion, 2012 Mac Hobson trophy winner and the 2014 Jock Taylor trophy winner, the pair arrived at FUCHS Silkolene with real pedigree in 2015 after speaking to FUCHS Technical Specialist Andy Brown at Snetterton Race Circuit.

Steve is kept very busy outside of racing, running his own joinery business. But when time allows, enjoys anything to keep fit!

Stuart, an Asset Planner, spends the off-season sailing yachts as a qualified Day Skipper and firing up his wood burning pizza oven.

Using FUCHS Silkolene Pro 4 Plus 5W-40 engine oil in their LCR Formula 1 sidecar with a 1000cc Kawasaki ZX-10R engine, the pair have started 2018 well, sitting 1st after 3 rounds. They also use our range of maintenance products to keep the vehicle race ready.

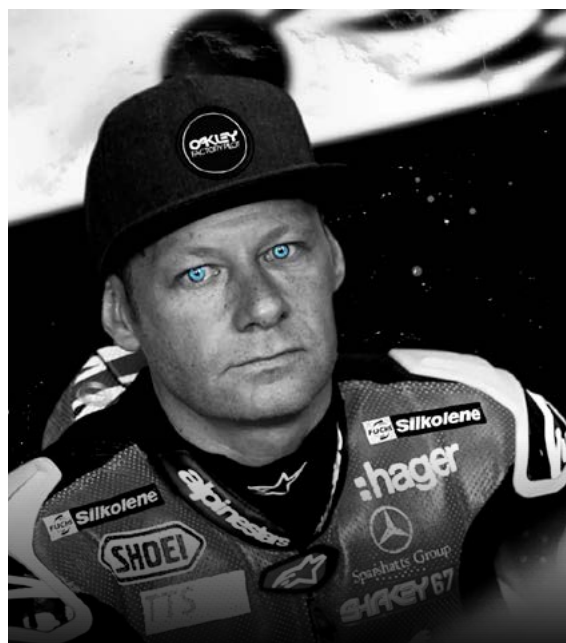
"In 2018 we strive to become the champions of Britain and to do so you need the very best of products, we believe that FUCHS Silkolene provide that service & more."

The pair have made a great start to 2018 claiming their first ever British Championship win at Oulton Park, placing them 1st overall in the standings.

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Catch it on Eurosport 2 race day & during ITV4's BSB highlight show



Vitus in training

Vitus Pro Cycling Team Good finishes for Vitus in the Tour de Yorkshire.

19-year-old Grant Martin was among the teams developing talents who grasped the nettle at the East Cleveland Klondike Grand Prix, ending the day as the team's highest placed finisher, crossing the line in 22nd place.

In the Tour de Yorkshire (3-6th May), Grant Martin claimed an outstanding P37 in Stage 1 with Spanish track star Julio Amores leading the the team P70 in Stage 4.

Visit our cycle page for more race dates.



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Ride Staffs Ride Staffs Staffordshire Cycling Festival.

The countdown is on for the Ride Staffs Staffordshire Cycling Festival, which returns to Stafford town centre on July 22nd for sportives, food, drink and more.

Organiser Paul Rowlands "RideStaffs has grown and flourished over the years. We are expecting the crème de la crème of British cycling at our Stafford event"

22nd July Staffordshire Cycling Festival
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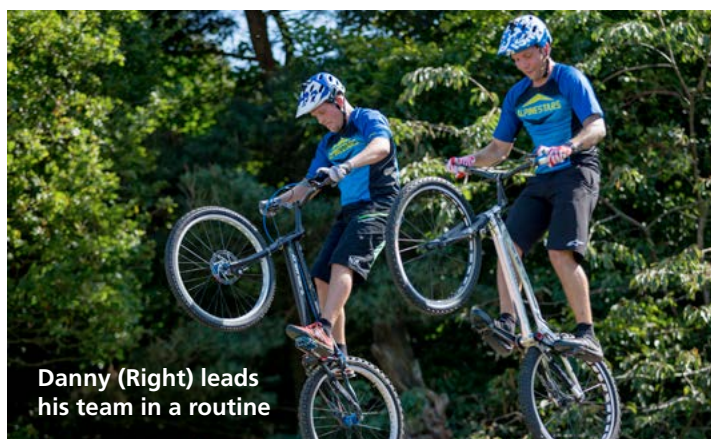
Scott tackling the hills

Scott Beaumont Chaotic 4th for Scott.

Scott managed to achieve an impressive 4th place following a chaotic collision with other riders at Round 2 of the British 4X Series Round 2 at Harthill.

Despite not finishing on the podium, Scott still leads the 4X Series after round 2.

The seven time champion continues his British 4X title defence on the 12th May at Fort William, Scotland however he is firstly travelling to Germany for round 1 of the 4X ProTour (World Championship).



Danny (Right) leads his team in a routine

Danny Butler New Road Bike Rampage.

Following the success of his Extreme Mountain bike show, FUCHS Silkolene sponsored, 5-times British & European Mountain Bike Trials Champion, Danny Butler introduces the UK's only LIVE freestyle ROAD BIKE show!

Look out for his shows across the country in 2018. The Extreme Mountain Bike Show is still the UK & Europe's number one Mountain Bike, Trials/BMX demonstration Team



Adam's winning feeling.
Inset: Adam leading Tom
around the track at
Brands Hatch

Ciceley Motorsport Adam showing his BTCC experience as great drives place him in contention.

A fantastic start to the 2018 British Touring Car Championship for FUCHS sponsored Ciceley Motorsport sees their driver Adam Morgan sitting in second place overall after the first two rounds.

With a second place at Brands Hatch and a fantastic race win at Donington Park, Adam is only 7 points behind Tom Ingram.

Ciceley Motorsport rookie Tom Oliphant has enjoyed a steadier start to his season, collecting a string of mid-pack finishes. His 9th place at Donington Park is his best BTCC finish to date.

British Touring Car Championship standings after round 2:

2nd	Adam Morgan	64 Points
24th	Tom Oliphant	11 Points

CA1 Sport Ups and rolls for Bogie and CA1.

After much testing across Europe, CA1 Sport took their Skoda Fabia R5's to the Speyside Stages Rally where David Bogie and co-driver John Rowan defended their title from last year.

The BRC Pirelli Rally was next on the calendar for CA1 and despite David flipping his Skoda, the team still scored a second place finish through Rhys Yates and co-driver Elliott Edmondson and a 7th place for Tom Preston and Max Freeman. The event was the first competed round of the BRC after the original opener was postponed due to bad weather.



David Bogie



Paige getting big air

Bellerby Motorsport Mixed start for Bellerbys.

Early season bad luck at Silverstone & Lydden Hill meant a slow start to the season for Bellerby Motorsport however two podiums for Paige in the Supernational championship and a well-deserved fourth for Drew has kept the sisters of speed in touch with the top.

MSA Supernational Rallycross after round 3:

2nd	MSA Supernational	Paige 45pts
7th	BMW Mini Championship	Drew 30pts

FUCHS LUBRICANTS MSA British Historic Rally Championship Competitive start to 2018.

Nick Elliott/Dave Price got the Championship off to a fantastic start on Rally North Wales with victory at the head of a tremendous field with fierce competition across all classes. Elliott and Price (Ford Escort Mk2) threw a marker down on the opening test of six top quality stages in the Dyfi complex and took a lead they would never lose despite being pushed all the way by Marty McCormack/Phil Clarke and Paul Barrett/Dai Roberts.

[Click HERE for the full Rd1 rally report.](#)

Round two of the championship took place at the Pirelli Stages and was marked by a glorious battle between Paul Barrett and Matthew Robinson. Barrett and Dai Roberts took victory by just 8.6s over the similar Ford Escort Mk2 of Robinson and Dave Robson. The deciding stage was the epic 15.39-mile test in The Forks where a blistering attack by Barrett turned the rally in his favour.

[Click HERE for the full Rd2 rally report.](#)

FUCHS LUBRICANTS MSA BHRC after round 2:

1st	Barrett/Roberts	55 Points
2nd	Egglestone/Hodgson	36 Points
3rd	Elliott/Price	31 Points



A field of over 60 cars competed on the Pirelli Stages



Graham Patten's Datsun 240Z

FUCHS LUBRICANTS RACRMC Historic Asphalt Rally Championship Crooks tops the table after round 1.

Adverse weather postponed the season opener at the Bovington Stages however action finally got underway at Rallye Salamandre, Belgium.

Simon/Alister Crook topped the contenders in their Ford Escort for a second consecutive year, in a top three split by just under a minute with Tim Freeman/David P Williams & Seb Perez/Gary McElhinney keeping the pressure on the Crooks to the very end of the rally. Chris White/Chris Dewsnap took the honours in the FIA Category after a clean run on the event.



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Jamie on top

Jamie Ellwood Top spot for Jamie.

On a grid of 25 identical 1.6 Caterham Supersport cars, FUCHS supported Jamie Ellwood qualified P2, just 0.013s off pole. The 2018 Caterham Sigmax grid is one of the most competitive ever with no less than 4 Caterham champions and 11 previous race winners.

Jamie took the lead and held on to the chequered flag, finishing just 0.4 seconds ahead of second place (with 10s covering the top 11 cars).

Jamie is now joint lead in the championship.



Ian on the challenging terrain

Ian Joel / Graeme Wood FUCHS success in the BTRDA.

The Cambrian rally in North Wales saw the opening round of the BTRDA championship take place where FUCHS-supported crew Ian Joel and Graeme Wood in the Ford Escort Cosworth took a hard-earned top 10 overall placing, and second in the B13 class. After the cancelled Malcolm Wilson Rally Ian followed up with another solid 12th overall (3rd in class) on the Rallynuts Stages Rally.

Current BTRDA Championship Standings after round 3:

8th	Ian Joel	43 Points
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Ashleigh Morris Good start in a new championship.

Ashleigh Morris got her racing season up and running in Knockhill and picked up a trophy in race one for being the first lady over the line - 10th overall. Race two finished in P14, followed by a P11 in the final.

"I know my 2018 race season is only just beginning, but I can't complain about how it started! Roll on the next round!"

Another string of finishes just outside the top 10 have Ashleigh comfortably mid pack in the championship. With a bit of good fortune, she aims to keep climbing.



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Dennis Racing Strong drive in first outing of 2018.

Dennis went to Silverstone for his first race of the year as a solo driver, which was challenging in the heat. Despite this and a string of other issues, he qualified 37th overall, 5th in class from a field of 52.

Some good battles and a few incidents later, Dennis finished 3rd in class (21st overall) by the chequered flag. The team now has until 2nd June to sort out the issues from Silverstone, mainly time to sort some different tyres which hampered Dennis' drive all day.



Steve Brown

M&M Motorsport Monumental effort pays off for M&M.

Finally after two cancelled meetings due to adverse weather conditions the #95 machine got to turn its wheels in anger for the first time this year at the double header of Round 9 at Northampton International Raceway and Round 10 at Foxhall Raceway, Ipswich. This world qualifier saw Gavin bring a battered car home in 6th. The team only just got the car repaired and on track in time for the start of Round 10 however a superb performance saw their efforts pay off with Gavin's first final win of the year.

After a disappointing European qualifier, Gavin lined up for Round 11 which saw another spirited drive for 5th place.

Steve Brown Rallying Epynt podium for Brown.

Just days after retiring with transmission failure from Rallye Salamandre in Belgium, FUCHS backed Steve Brown ensured his season was back on track by securing a class podium at the HRCR Mini Sport Cup - Dixies Historic Challenge.

"To come away from my first full rally in the car with a class podium is really encouraging."



TWP's Racing Mazda's



Andy and students at our FUCHS UK HQ

Wrexham Glyndwr University TWP Racing.

The students of Together, We Progress Racing had to wait for the first 750 Motor Club CARTEK #ClubEnduro race after the cancellation of the Donington round.

Welcoming five new faces to the team this season, Car 72 managed 18th overall and sixth in Class, while Car 27 crossed the line 23rd overall, ninth in Class.

Oxford Brookes University Principals of lubrication.

Students from Oxford Brookes University were invited to our UK headquarters for a presentation from our Automotive Technical Manager, Andy Brown. The presentation was focused on a key element that will assist with their university projects, 'the principles of lubrication' with emphasis placed on the lubrication of motorsport applications. The group received a factory tour visiting our manufacturing plant and filling areas.



80 and still racing strong



Bob competing at this year's FUCHS LUBRICANTS MSA BHRC

Driver Profile Bob Bean

Now aged 80, Bob Bean's rallying career stretches back to 1960 and, when quizzed on how his love affair with motorsport began, it turns out that there was a girl involved! Bob tried to impress some members of her family by entering the Yorkshire Rally using his mother's Hillman Minx Convertible. After a night-and-day of competition, Bob finished 18th overall out of a field of 120 - and he was smitten!

Persuading his dad to buy him a Riley 1.5 from a local doctor, it arrived on a Tuesday and was entered in its first rally the following Saturday evening. However, a few hours later, having rolled it a number of times, Bob was forced to ring his dad to ask for a lift home - and that's when the penny dropped! Blissfully ignorant of their son's antics until that point, this particular incident brought home the realisation of what he'd been up to!

In addition to rallies, Bob was busying himself with hill-climbs, auto-tests and circuit races in the Riley, even resorting to using his dad's Ford Zodiac when he wasn't around! By 1966 the Riley had been replaced by a Ford Cortina GT and the standard of events entered also moved up a notch. In the late 60s and early 70s, the Motoring News Rally Championship was the series to do. The calendar included a number of night road rallies but also included trips to the Isles of Man and Mull - Bob finished 12th overall on the 1969 Manx Trophy Rally in the Cortina which had, by now, been fitted with a 'must-have' twin-cam engine!..

...In 1972 the Ford Motor Company introduced the Escort Mexico Championship as a means of publicising a toned-down version of Hannu Mikkola's 1970 World Cup Rally (London - Mexico) winner and, as such, was ideally suited for club rallying. Not surprisingly, the series, which featured fully prepared cars allied to Ford dealers throughout the country and spawned such names as Tony Pond and Russell Brookes, proved very successful. Not to be outdone, Bob already had a Mexico as his company car and it would soon become part of the team run by Service Garage, Barnsley. A major advertising campaign, featuring the 'Mexican Jumping Bean', followed his progress!

Bob has contested the RAC Rally - or 'Wales Rally GB' to give it its current title - more than 30 times over the years, with varying degrees of success, whilst 'One-Make' Rally Championships, including the MG Maestro & Skoda Challenges, have also attracted his attention. However, aided by product support from Fuchs Lubricants (UK) plc, it is on Historic Rallying that Bob has focussed in recent years, primarily at the wheel of a Mk1 Ford Cortina.

Entries on most of the Roger Albert Clark Rallies, which sets out to emulate the element of endurance encountered on RAC Rallies of the past, have been combined with serious attempts at the MSA British Historic Rally Championship.

As to the future, Bob is competing on the 2018 Fuchs Lubricants MSA British Historic Championship, and says 'I've made it to 80 and as I still enjoy the championship and driving my Mk1 Cortina I've no intention of calling it a day yet!'