

PRIVATEERS

Craig Breen and Gareth Roberts will be hoping to wow the British fans.

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Hot on the tail of the WRC cars are the privateer entries. **Jo Burgess** introduces the ones to watch.



**W**hile not all local rally crews are lucky enough to fulfil their dreams of driving up front in a World Rally Car like Matthew Wilson and Scott Martin, there are plenty of British and Irish rally crews who save all year to ensure they have funds left at the end of the season to compete on the Rally of Great Britain.

Although some were fortunate enough to contest Rally Ireland as well this year, the Rally of Great Britain's place on the calendar ensures it is still a 'must do' event for many crews, who often use it as a fitting finale to a year's hard rallying in a domestic championship.

They may not be running at the front of the field, but they all enjoy seeing the spectator-lined stages just as much as Loeb or Hirvonen, so make sure you stay to cheer them on.

## Tom Cave / Craig Parry

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Tom Cave began rallying in Latvia where you can take to the wheel competitively from the age of 14. When he hit 17 last year he raced against time to get his driving license in the fortnight between his birthday and the Rally of Great Britain so he could contest the event. He took 30th overall and won his class, so this year he's back for more.

## Jon Williams / George Gwynn MITSUBISHI LANCER EVO X

While Williams is from South Africa, his co-driver Gwynn lives in Wales. Having cut his teeth in the British Rally Championship as 2008 Citroën C2 Champion co-driver, Gwynn now competes on various world events alongside Williams in their Mitsubishi.

## Craig Breen / Gareth Roberts FORD FIESTA R2

Contesting the Rally of Great Britain is the icing on the cake for 19-year-old Craig Breen because he has already secured both the UK and Irish Ford Fiesta Sporting Trophy Championships this year. This weekend provides him with the chance to continue showing his skills at world level as the event forms the final round of the Fiesta Sporting Trophy International.

## Dave Weston Junior / Ieuan Thomas SUBARU IMPREZA N14

Although still only 19 years old, this will be Weston Junior's third outing on the British WRC event. Having spent this year learning his trade in the British Championship, he comes to Rally GB fresh from finishing fourth overall in the series. He is co-driven by Ieuan Thomas, who is former British Champion David Higgins' regular co-driver in this year's Chinese Rally Championship.