



FIRST Heys

Heys secures impressive win

ROSSENDALE rider Paul Heys didn't put a foot wrong – or down – to win Red Rose Classic Motorcycle Club's trial at Warmden Quarry. Heys, a double winner of the Pre-65 Scottish Six Days Trial, dropped just one mark on his Tiger Cub after three laps of 10 sections at the popular Accrington venue. Second place went to former

world trials champion Yrjo Vesterinen, who now competes just for fun, and he finished just one mark behind on his Bultaco Sherpa. Third place went to Chris Gascoigne on his James. Class winners included Dave Ingram (Triumph), Ian Johnston (Triumph), Chris Nutter (Ariel), Bob Baker (James), Les Humphries

(Cub), Frank McMullan (Bultaco). The club would like to thank the observers, clerks of the course, and the landowner for their help in running a successful meeting. The next Red Rose trial is a Pendlebury Bait, Rossendale, on March 17. For more information visit www.redroseclassictrials.org.



RUNNER-UP Vesterinen

Life's a ditch for Martin



RALLY: There was bitter disappointment for Blackburn's Terry Martin on last weekend's Riponian Rally. Co-driving for Dan Kennedy on only his second-ever rally, and the first in the forest, the pair finished last after Kennedy put his dad's Sierra Sapphire Cosworth 4x4 into a ditch for 40 minutes – on the very last stage of the day.

Mather claims honour as Johnson tops times

Course clerk left delighted with day's motorsport action

By NEIL JOHNSON
Sports reporter

THERE were two winners at the Under 17 Motor Club's Autosolo meeting at Blackburn with Darwen Services – Fiesta driver Steve Mather and the charity Dementia UK.

Mather emerged fastest over 10 tests and in doing so won £50 for the charity of his choice.

The money was donated by Hazel Johnson's mum and dad to mark her 21st birthday.

A previous winner of the event, Hazel was also taking part, fresh from competing on the previous week's Legend Fires North West Stages.

More than 40 competitors tackled the meeting, which combined Autosolo, Autotest and a Production Car Autotest, with each driver getting ten runs during the day.

In the National B Autotest, Lee Matthews emerged victorious in his

Ford Escort Mk2, ahead of Steve Price and Dave Terry, both in Nissan Micras.

Blackburn teenager Simon Robinson clinched the Fastest Time of the Day award in the Under 17 Motor Club's Production Car Autotest, held on the Saturday, with Matt Faulkner taking second spot and Daniel Barker third, both in Nissan Micras.

The Sunday PCA saw Elliot Stevens taking the FTD, closely followed by Oswaldtwistle teenager Jamie Foster in second place and his brother Jack in third.

"It was an excellent day's motorsport which ran without hitch to allow every competitor their full allocation of 10 runs," said clerk-of-the-course Steve Johnson.

"Once again, these type of meetings have proved to be the perfect grounding for young drivers to try their hand at driving, and compete in grassroots motorsport, in a safe and controlled environment."

Their next meeting takes place at the Lymm Services on the M56/M6 junction in May.

For more information on the event visit www.anwcc.org



ALL SMILES Reasons to be pleased – that's young drivers Matt Faulkner, Hazel Johnson and Simon Robinson who have secured free race places

Youngsters on the up

THREE young drivers have received a helping hand up the motorsport ladder thanks to a new initiative.

The ANWCC (Association of North West Car Clubs) have donated free entries to 2013 meetings to the top finishers in their Young Drivers Championship.

College student Simon Robinson, 16, from Blackburn, is a regular competitor in his dad's Peugeot 106, and he will get free entries to a Sprint meeting at Aintree, three Autosolo meetings and a

Production Car Trial.

Hazel Johnson, 21, from Accrington, has a free drive at the Weeton Stages in June, in her Nissan Micra and St Helens' teenager Matt Faulkner will contest a stage rally at the Three Sisters, Wigan in May, an Autosolo, and a Production Car Trial in his Nissan Micra.

The entries have been given to the ANWCC by the organising clubs, which include the North Wales Car Club, Blackpool and South Shore Motor Club and Wigan Motor Club.



ACTION Jack and Jamie Foster

Cars take centre stage at top retro event

SOME of the greatest cars in rallying take centre stage this weekend at Race Retro.

The annual motorsport festival, held at Stoneleigh in Warwickshire, sees more than 40 cars taking part in demonstration runs on a specially designed outdoor stage.

East Lancashire businessman Kevin Furber, a former works Peugeot driver, will be at the wheel of his ex-works Group A Peugeot 205GT1.

He's joined by a host of rally

stars including Jimmy McRae in a Mk1 Lotus Cortina, Russell Brookes (Talbot Sunbeam Lotus), Chris Birkbeck (Triumph TR7) and Jeff Williamson (Citroen Visa Chrono).

The demonstration has been organised by Rallying with Group B, which is led by Oswaldtwistle-based businessman Gary Gee.

He said: "We have an over subscribed entry this year, and there are some familiar faces and great cars from Group B, Group 4 and Group A.

"As well as running the stage, we have an exhibition stand inside the main hall. This year's theme is the 50th anniversary of the Manx International Rally.

"The Manx organisers have also invited us to the island to join in the celebrations later this year."

For more information on Rallying with Group B visit www.rallyingwithgroupb.net or for Race Retro, www.raceretro.com

Meanwhile, the curtain goes up on another season of rallying at

the Three Sisters circuit at Ashton in Makerfield with the Roskirk Stages on March 3.

This year's event will follow a similar format to previous years, with 12 stages covering approximately 26 stage miles.

In addition to the Roskirk Stages, Blackpool South Shore MC are also running the Roskirk F1000 Junior Stages as a separate rally following the main event.

For more information or an entry visit www.bsismc.com.

Knight chasing second victory

ENDURO: Round two of the ACU Extreme Enduro Championship takes place at Back Cwm Quarry, Whitworth on Sunday.

First round winner David Knight is favourite for victory but faces a tough challenge from Graham Jarvis and Jonny Walker and Paul Bolton.

The venue is situated at the top of Tong Lane, Whitworth, and admission is £10 for adults, £5 for under-16s and free for under-5s.

For more information visit www.fastedydracing.com.

Miller secures 13th place finish

RALLY: Ribbles Valley rallyman Ross Miller finished 13th overall on the Chris Kelly Memorial Stages, driving his Subaru Impreza with Steve Butler on the maps.

Overall victory went to Camforth's Aaron Newby, with John and Martin Cressey sixth overall in their Minisport of Padiham BMW Mini Cooper S.

New venue for opening round

MOTOCROSS: The opening round of the AMCA Wulfsport British Masters Championship has been moved to Preston Docks.

Originally scheduled for Mallory Park racing circuit, the organisers have switched venues, but the date, March 9-10, remains the same.

Legends attend awards evening

AWARDS: Blackburn Rugby Club is the venue for the SD34 Motorsport Group's annual awards night on Friday.

It all starts at 7.30pm, with pie and peas served until 8.30pm, followed by the awards.

There's also a road rally forum with the 'Legends of the Lanes' including Mick Briant, Ian Grindrod, Dave Scaife, Ian Harrison, Pete Tyson and Malcolm Graham.