

Entwistle in action at Jubilee

FRESH from his first win in the Orangebox Mini, Steve Entwistle is out to make it two in a row on this weekend's Ilkley Jubilee Rally.

But the Rishton driver, who won the Northumberland Borders road rally last month, will have his work cut out with the UK's top historic drivers in action.

Entwistle will have road rally mapman Simon Bentley, from Leeds, alongside him and the pair have been seeded at car 22 in the famous ex-Roy Mapple machine.

Sunday's event, which is a round of the HRCR Championship, features a mixture of special tests and regularities all based around



RALLY TEST Steve Entwistle

the Craven Cattle Market in Skipton.

The first of three tests start at the Market at 8.45am.

Top seed is HRCR champions Howard Warren/Guy Woodcock in their Porsche 911 with John Ruddock/David Taylor second in their Ford Escort Mexico.

Top East Lancashire seed is Ross Butterworth, from Blacko, and Ali Proctor (Ford Escort Mexico).

Other local entries include Paddy Jones/Tony Longstaff (Ford Cortina), Tom Leeming/Clive Escreet (Wartburg 353) and Stephen Byrne/David Whitaker Lancaster (Lancia Fulvia).

Morgan's comeback

RIBCHESTER'S Adam Morgan put a nightmare start to life in the British Touring Car Championship behind him as he secured his first two race finishes of the season at Donington on Sunday.

Morgan suffered two crashes on the opening weekend of the season at Brands Hatch, meaning he failed to finish two races and missed the other one as his Toyota Avensis underwent repairs.

But the 23-year-old made it to the end of the first two races at Donington in Leicestershire after qualifying 20th on the grid.

Morgan took 15th place in the first race of the day before improving to 13th in the second race, although he was forced out of the final event after 10 of the 19 laps.

ALL SMILES Luke Hedger (in green) on the podium



First podium for Burnley's FPW

■ Bike team making real progress after second place at Thruxton



TWO GOOD Luke Hedger with his bike
Pictures: FULL THROTTLE IMAGING

BURNLEY team FPW Racing secured their first ever podium in the Motostar British Championship on Sunday.

The team are in their second season in the championship, which is a support series to the British Superbike Championship, and new rider Luke Hedger took second place in the second race of the season at Thruxton.

FPW had secured a number of strong results in the Thunder-sport GB series together with previous rider Tom Carne but this was the first time they had finished in the top three since making the step up to the Motostar British Championship.

"It was absolutely fantastic," said team boss Adrian Mason, from Accrington. "Luke was battling with four riders on the last lap and he came out of the final corner in second place. He is second in the championship and if the luck goes our way then we've got every chance of winning it."

Hedger hails from Bristol and one of those he had been battling with

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for a podium place was Ryan Watson, who races for Colne outfit Team Colin Appleyard/Macadam Racing. Watson took fourth place with Haslingden's Carne, now with Team Repli-Cast, in 10th.

Worsthorne's Harry Hartley was 14th – one place behind Callum Bey, who races for the Burnley-based RCD Motorsport managed by Mark Hodgson, father of former Superbike world champion Neil Hodgson.

The race was the second of the weekend, with the first race of the season – cancelled at Brands Hatch a week earlier because of wet conditions – rearranged for Saturday. Hedger took fourth in that race ahead of Carne in eighth, Hartley in ninth and Bey in 12th. Watson did not complete the race.

Billington's Ben Rea is competing in the National Superstock 600 Championship this season and took 30th position in their only race of the weekend.

Young drivers challenge veterans

YOUTHFUL duo Hazel Johnson and Dale Davies fared well against veterans of the sport at the Dennis Wells Memorial Trials in north Wales on Sunday.

While Johnson, 20, and Davies, 17, have only 37 years between them, they faced experienced drivers such as John Waddington and John Wadsworth, whose combined age is 153.

Johnson, from Accrington, took 13th place ahead of Davies in 17th in an event where drivers complete a

number of sections over hills with the aim to climb the course without stopping or hitting penalty markers.

Hazel's father, Steve Johnson, took eighth position at the event in Denbighshire.

Wadsworth was seventh with Waddington 12th.

AGE DIFFERENCE Hazel Johnson and Dale Davies (front) with John Waddington and John Wadsworth (back) at the Dennis Wells Memorial Trials in north Wales



No Mitton Hall finish

RALLY: THE Lancashire Automobile Club's St George's Day Rally will take place on Sunday – but the finish will no longer be at Mitton Hall.

The event starts from the Whalley venue, with the first car leaving at 11am, but the new location for the finish will be confirmed in the final instructions online at www.lancsautoclub.com.

The rally takes place every year and runs through the Ribbles Valley and Lancashire countryside.

Entries will be accepted on the day but those interested are advised to allow plenty of time as the event can be quite busy.

The price is £10.

Griffin entry

RALLY: Wilshire rally driver Matt Griffin is among the entrants for the Butlins Somerset Stages Rally on Saturday.

The event is part of the BTRDA and English Rally Championships, with Griffin currently third in the N3 class of the BTRDA series after winning his section at the Wydean Forest Rally but then being forced to miss the Malcolm Wilson Rally.

He will team up with co-driver Chris Spilsted, from Wrexham, in a Ford Fiesta ST in Somerset.

John Steer, from Clitheroe, will also take part in the event as a co-driver.

Board walk

RALLY: Simon Boardman finished in 26th position at the VK Derbyshire Rally at the weekend.

Boardman, with navigator Chris Williams, took 14th in class – one place ahead of fellow Clitheroe and District Motor Club member Paul Buckel, who was 29th overall with Steven Butler.

The event was organised by Matlock Motor Club.

Lymm event

AUTOSOLO: The latest CSMA and Accrington Motor Sport Club autosolo will take place in Lymm on April 29.

Entry spots are still available and anyone wishing to take part can contact Steve Butler on 01254 389059.

New website

WEBSITE: The new interactive National Motorsport Week website has been launched.

National Motorsport Week runs from June 30 to July 8, and further details are available at www.nationalmotorsportweek.co.uk.