



RALLY TIMES

-WITH CHRIS WHEELER-



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Hello Everyone!! Welcome to my next column, this past month has been very busy for me, since last months issue we have competed on the Plains Rally which was held in North Wales.

This would be Round 4 of the Vital Equipment Rally Championship & also the MSA English Junior Championship, we came into this Rally as championship leaders so pressure was on to keep ahead of the field in this year's demanding Rally season.

Stage 1, we set off straight away to a very good pace pushing on through the forest, this stage was not clear of any drama though as at high speed we came flat out over a blind crest with spectators in the road causing us to brake losing us a few seconds as they jumped out the way.

Straight into Stage 2, the conditions were dry & grip to our advantage, my confidence was high, the car was running extremely well & we were putting in quick & competitive times throughout the stages.

After Stage 2 we came into service, a 20 minute check over for



our team to make sure the car is mechanically ok & ready to get back out into the forests. Stage 3, as each stage went by we were knocking on the door of the leaders of the Rally, it was time to keep our heads down, stay out of trouble & lay the pressure on.

The forests in North Wales are full of log sections, ruts, rocks & massive drops so keeping the car on the straight & narrow was top priority. As we came into service after Stage 4 we were sitting in a comfortable 2nd place, now time for the last two stages of the Rally.

Stage 5, the lights counted us down, pressure was on, just got to make it through these next two stages to get a great result which was well needed for the championship fight, we set off into the forest going faster than ever, but, just a couple of miles in disaster struck & the heater matrix pipe inside the Fiesta MS1 came off & sprayed boiling hot water & steam at a minimum of 105 degrees continuously pumped into the car. The water sprayed all over me burning my ankles putting me in unbearable pain. I got stuck in the car which took me nearly a minute to force my way out of. This incident put us out of the Rally & the stage was stopped as I needed medical assistance urgently.

After the Plains Rally we are still leading the championship in our class & in the top of the MSA English Juniors & the Vital Equipment Championship.

We are next off again on the DMACK Carlisle Stages Rally held on June 13th. To keep up to date please get following us on... chriswheelerrallying.com facebook.com/CWRallying Or Twitter: @ChrisRally

Every month now we are giving away Chris Wheeler Rallying gift packs, all you have to do for a chance to win one is to head over to our Facebook page & enter our competition, good luck everyone!

Thank you very much for reading & keep an eye out for the next Rally Times column in next months Torbay Times. -

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