

## BIKES

## Homage to Hodgson

HASLINGDEN'S Tom Carne will use Neil Hodgson's famous number 100 and reform his partnership with the World Superbike champion's father Mark at the 'Race Of The Year' event at Mallory Park on Sunday.

Run by the East Midlands Racing Association, the Leicestershire event is one of the biggest on the racing calendar and offers prize money of £20,000 across six classes including Superbikes, Supersport, Superstock and 125s.

Carne recently completed the Tristar Triple Challenge season in fifth place in the standings and has now been invited to ride in the two 10-lap 125cc races at Mallory Park.

The East Lancashire ace previously rode for Mark Hodgson - father of former World Superbike champion Neil - in the British 125cc Championship in 2011.

Now he will compete on Hodgson's RCD Motorsport bike, using Neil's famous number 100.

Carne said: "This is an amazing opportunity to get back on the 125s."

"I also feel very humble to represent Neil and ride with his number."

## TRIAL BIKES

## Hird lands first place

YAMAHA rider John Hird dropped just nine marks to claim the honours at Red Rose Classic MCC's trial at Top Quarry.

Second place went to former world trials champion Yrjo Vesterinen who was just one mark behind on his Bultaco, with John Maxfield (Bantam) third on 13.

Clerks of the course Alan and Matt Taylor laid out the course, which comprised four laps and ten sections at the well-known venue near Lothersdale, in West Yorkshire.

Colne's Graham Lampkin made a welcome return to competition after his charity ride to Lerwick in the summer, winning his class on his trusty Royal Enfield.

There were other class wins for Chris Gascoigne (Ariel), Peter McCawley (James) and David Wilkinson (Honda).

Red Rose's next trial is at Auto Transmission, Kebcote, Todmorden, on November 23. nearest postcode is OL14 5B. Results - Class A: 1: Chris Gascoigne (Ariel) 14, 2: Jack Butterworth (Triumph) 40.

Class Ae: 1: Graham Lampkin (Royal Enfield) 72. Class C: 1: John Maxfield (Bantam) 13, 2: Andrew Scott (Cub) 15, 3: Steve Thomas (Bantam) 21.

Class Ce: 1: Peter McCawley (James) 12, 2: Steven Whitaker (Bantam) 26, 3: Frank McMullen (Cotton) 33.

Class T: 1: John Hird (Yamaha) 9, 2: Yrjo Vesterinen (Bultaco) 10, 2: Graham Fallows (Fantic) 31.

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## RALLY

## Debut for Simpson's new co-driver

NEIL Simpson will contest the final round of the Belgian Rally Championship, the Rallye du Condroz-Huy this weekend in his Simpsons Skoda Fabia S2000 - and will be partnered by new co-driver Elliott Edmondson.

Edmondson, a talented 20-year old up-and-coming navigator from Milton Keynes, is currently leading the REIS MSA Asphalt Rally Championship. He also competes in the Chinese Rally Championship with the SKODA Red Bull Rally Team, co-driving for Niall McShea.

Neil had planned to contest this weekend's Rallye International du Valais (23-25 October), although a

family bereavement has forced the 41-year old Skoda dealer principal from Clitheroe to cancel his plans for contesting the Swiss round of the FIA European Rally Championship.

The Rallye du Condroz-Huy, like the Ypres Rally Neil contested earlier in the year, is one of Belgium's classic rallies. Based in the Walloon region, competition is run on fast and slippery concrete roads north of the Meuse River, and technical asphalt roads to the south.

Neil said: "Sadly, my father Cliff has passed away and we have naturally had to cancel our planned outing on the Rallye International du Valais. He was a massive

supporter of my rallying, so we've decided to resume our 2014 programme as soon as possible. There is no better place to rally than in Belgium, so we've all got something to look forward to."

"I'm also looking forward to teaming up with Elliott in the Fabia S2000. He is seen as one of the rising stars of the co-driver world and we are really delighted he has joined us."

"I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank Claire Mole for her superb performances with the team throughout 2014. She has been a real pleasure to be with and all the Simpsons SKODA Motorsport team have enjoyed her company."

## HISTORICS

## Entwistle is mighty in Mini



STEVE Entwistle is celebrating this week after clinching his best result in a career spanning over 20 years.

For the talented driver from Rishton has won the historic class in the national HRCR Clubmans Rally Championship, and brought his iconic Orangebox home as first Mini.

"It's been a long haul. We started out in March and contested 11 events across England and Wales, but it's been worth everything," said Steve, who was navigated by Cumbrian Bob Hargreaves.

"It was our first attempt at the HRCR and we set out to win the class and finish as the top Mini crew, so I'm absolutely delighted that we've done it, not just for Bob and me, but for our sponsors Mini Sport of Padiham, who have backed us all the way."

Entwistle and Hargreaves clinched

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the honours on last weekend's finale, the Regis Rally, based in Bognor Regis, by finishing sixth overall and second in class.

The result was all the more creditable as Entwistle was struck down with a severe case of food poisoning en route to West Sussex, and was feeling ill throughout the day-long event.

"It was touch-and-go as to whether I could even start the rally, I was up all night beforehand and didn't get any sleep. But after driving 350 miles to get to the start, I was determined to give it a go."

Once the lights turned to green, Entwistle shrugged it off and promptly set the pace on the opening six special tests at Goodwood,

beating eventual winner Howard Warren's Porsche 911 on five of them!

Entwistle's renowned speed on special tests left them firmly in contention for a remarkable top three finish.

In the end, they had to settle for sixth after dropping 40 seconds on one of the regularities.

The result was also enough for Entwistle to clinch fourth overall in the drivers' standings.

He said: "The championship winner, Howard Warren, was in a Porsche 911, and there were two 2-litre Ford Escorts ahead of us, so it's not bad for a 1293cc Mini."

"I was just happy to get to the end in one piece, and that was me not the car."

"The only sour note was that I was feeling so rough I could only celebrate with a glass of milk and was in bed by 8.30!"

## RALLY

## Pain in Spain for Barritt

BARROWFORD'S Daniel Barritt endured a difficult weekend at the Rally de Espana.

Co-driver Barritt and Welsh driver Elfyn Evans finished in 14th position at the World Rally Championship event after an accident on the opening day of the rally.

The Costa Daurada rally starts on gravel before moving on to asphalt in the later stages, but on stage six Evans ran wide and damaged the radiator of their M-Sport Fiesta RS WRC.

That prevented the duo from completing the stage and they had to restart the second day under Rally 2 regulations.

After the move on to an asphalt surface the duo required some time to find their optimum set-up and it was not until the third day of the rally that they were truly happy with their pace.



Barritt (left) and Evans

It was another taxing event in Spain for Barritt and Evans, who have both suffered frustration at the rally in the past.

Evans said: "It was a difficult rally for us. Friday was very difficult and the two days on tarmac were okay, but maybe not what we were expecting based on the previous events."

"I made too many silly mistakes on Friday. If we had managed to stay on the road, then I think I would have been happy with the pace but in reality we weren't in any sort of a battle after that."

"Then on tarmac we had a chance to play around with the set-up to find out what worked well and what didn't work quite so well."

"Of course we've learned a lot and as a result we'll be sure to come back stronger next year."

The duo sit eighth in the standings for the year - Evans' debut season in the World Rally Championship - and they complete their season in the Wales Rally GB between November 13 and 16.

"Now our attention turns to Wales and our home event," Evans said.

"The preparation starts now and I'm determined to end the season with a positive result."