

Mini Rallying

Safety Devices National Macadam Championship

On the Cheviot Stages Rally – the opening round – Exeter's David Kynaston/Andy Russell took their Rumble Racing '60 Mini to a class win over the demanding Otterburn ranges.

The Devon pairing made a steady start over the notorious Northumberland course, and at the mid-day service halt they were lying third in class, 25th overall. First afternoon session saw a remarkable charge, and despite this being their first visit to Otterburn, they soon settled into the tough conditions

and demanding pace notes. On one particularly busy stage, the pair passed two cars and ended up being baulked by an Escort Cosworth which they eventually left for dead, much to the Ford crew's apparent disgust.

Kynaston/Russell – superb charge...



Yumping good fun on the Cheviot Stages – this is Simon & Hayley Selby.



Local support soon rallied around this amazing little Mini as David and Andy won the hearts and minds of even the most hardened rally fans. Final result was a well-deserved class win and 24th overall.

Said David: "As I get

older each rally takes a greater toll on me, however this event was worth all the aches and pains of middle age."

Added Andy: "...a particularly demanding event for co-drivers but very rewarding when you get a decent result."

MCR Rally Championship

Round 3 of the Mini Cooper Register's series was the Fosse Rally which took place on 27 February. A small but select Mini dozen tackled 85 miles of muddy Warwickshire lanes, with the winning crew (1071) being 'Expert' driver Kevin Taylor teamed with novice Suzanne Ockwell, persuaded to sit alongside the

Wiltshire wild man after losing a bet in the pub at Christmas!

Leading 'Novice' crew were Liz & Phil Herring in a Rover Cooper, while maximum points scorers were Alison Lock/Neil Burgess (Austin Cooper) in sixth. Third were David Hayes/Ian Dunford (Austin Cooper).

Peter Barker

Safety Devices Historic Rally Challenge



DATES

9/10 May	East Anglian Classic
14 June	Caerwent Stages
5 July	Channon Dorset Rally
5/6 Sept	Woodpecker Stages
26/27 Sept	Rallye Bristowe
24/25 Oct	Illuminations Rally

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The Robin Hood Stages on 8 March saw the leading Mini pairing of Clive King/Bob Ward finish ninth overall in their Cooper S.

After 11 stages, the Midlands-based crew were just three minutes down on the overall winners who were in a Ford Escort BDA.

Coventry Automotive team on the Finnish Rally.



Global Godwin

For 1998, the Coventry Automotive Rally team celebrates 10 years with sponsor Horiba, and since 1994 the team has developed a cult following with their GpN Mini Cooper (featured *MiniWorld* May '97).

Just like last year, driver Trevor Godwin will be partnered by three co-drivers: David Wyer, Rick Spurgeon and Ian Harrop. The planned program includes the Mintex Series at National level, and internationally, the Swedish, Portuguese and Finnish rallies, and of course the RAC Rally in the UK.

Look out for the team's globetrotting antics over the coming season.