

## **GwynneSpeed Rallying take class honours on charity rally.**

Andy Gwynne and Holly Robinson have been awarded with another very convincing class win on the Richard Burns Memorial Rally at Marham Airfield on 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> September. The GwynneSpeed Rallying team won the class by 5 minutes 13 seconds and finished an impressive 7<sup>th</sup> overall and 1<sup>st</sup> 2 Wheel Drive Car in their 1600cc Saxo kit car.

The rally did not run easily for the team due to a poor seeding position. The crew started in 51<sup>st</sup> position and, over the course of Day 1 of the rally, they caught and passed approximately 24 cars on the stages. This inconvenience, coupled with braking problems, cost the pair a significant amount of time on Day 1 but re-seeding for Day 2 meant that the crew re-started at car 6 on the road and enabled them to have a trouble free run with no hold ups!

However, disaster nearly struck on the last stage when a suspension mounting broke 1 mile from the end of the stage which forced the crew to crawl to the stage finish. Luckily, the team had built up enough of a class lead that it did not jeopardise the class award although they dropped a place overall from 6<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>.

The rally was organised and promoted by King's Lynn & District Motor Club and was in aid of the Richard Burns Foundation (incorporating the Michael Park Fund) and the RAF Benevolent Fund. The rally saw a return to competitive rallying for Markko Martin and Robert Reid who competed together in the new Subaru World Rally Team's Impreza and won the rally overall.

Perhaps the most evocative entry was that of Gordon Jarvis and Richard's father, Alex Burns. They were competing in a Talbot Sunbeam which had originally been built alongside Richard's Sunbeam. This was the first time that Alex had actually competed despite attending hundreds of rallies with Richard. GwynneSpeed Rallying's driver Andy Gwynne has close connections with this charity and describes his feelings about the rally:

"I competed with Richard in the original Peugeot challenge and we had a strong friendship; I am very pleased that we've been able to support the charity. Michael Park, who was tragically killed in a freak accident co-driving for Markko Martin on Wales Rally GB 2005, did his first season co-driving with me and we were also very close and so this rally was special to me. I would like to thank the organisers for the massive effort that they put into organising and running this fantastic event which I thoroughly enjoyed and I'm sure that everyone else did."

GwynneSpeed Rallying would like to take this opportunity to thank Warners Peugeot, Gloucester Motaquip, Holly's older brother Tom, her God Mother Leslie and her parents Binna and Tim for their generous support.

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