

Competition proves fierce

WEST Suffolk Motor Club joined forces with Chelmsford Motor Club to promote their Cadman Construction Honington Stages rally at RAF Honington on Sunday.

The main event attracted 60 entries and there was a Junior 1000 rally for drivers as young as 14, which attracted a further 13 entries.

There were eight special stages of between six-and-a-half and eight miles for seniors with the juniors tackling slightly shorter versions between six and seven-and-a-half miles.

The outright winner was the Subaru Impreza of Ross Daniels and Paul Mankin by a margin of four seconds over the Ford Escort MK II of Pete Rayner and Richard Bonner.

So fierce was the competition that Daniels won five stages, Rayner won three and the other was won by Paul King and Alicia Miles in another MK II Escort.

The lead was never more than 14 seconds all day.

Best West Suffolk crew were Dave Daniel and Stuart Kingham in their Mitsubishi Evo 6, who finished 13th overall/third in class.

Other West Suffolk crews were Clare Rix/Rob Cook in 28th/third in class and Glyn Heighen/Sharon Chilver 35th/11th in class.

In the Junior 1000 rally, George Lepley and Howard Pridmore led until stage six, but retired on stage seven with mechanical problems.

This handed the lead to Alexander Vassallo and Howard Patterson in their Nissan Micra.

Local girl Kasia Nicklin partnered by Peter Skillen, also in a Micra, was fourth going into the last stage but a time of eight minutes and 44 seconds was good enough to secure a well deserved second overall.

Full results are on the Chelmsford Motor Club web-site at www.chelmsfordmc.co.uk

The next event is the first round of the autoSolo series, being promoted jointly with Eastern Counties Motor Club and Sporting Car Club of Norfolk, and is held at Tibenham Airfield on Sunday.



WEST SUFFOLK'S BEST: Dave Daniel and Stuart Kingham were the highest placing West Suffolk members, finishing 13th overall in the Cadman Construction Honington Stages and, inset, Kasia Nicklin and partner Peter Skillen raced to an impressive second place in the Junior 1000 Rally

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