

# Replacement helps make the difference for Pearson

## MOTOR RACING

WHEN Stephen Pearson realised that last weekend's races in the Project Eighty Racing Saloon Series would be run on the Grand Prix circuit at Silverstone, his team decided to fit a new differential in the BMW, *writes Arthur Debenham*.

"I don't know what was wrong with the new diff," said the Chedburgh driver.

"But it was like driving a bucket of baked beans, and we only qualified fifth out of six class A competitors."

With a replacement fitted, better fortune came his way in the first of the two 25-minute races as he completed the podium with a well-taken third position.

In race two, three cars broke away to dominate, so much so, that they were soon lapping back markers.

At this point, Pearson was holding down third and was seriously looking for second.

As he went to lap one of these slower cars, it clipped the back of the M3, deflating a tyre and equally the driver,

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who was forced to retire.

His next outing will be in May, when he will have to choose between Brands Hatch (Kumho MBW) or Silverstone (Project Eight).

The CSCC Tin Tops Series opened at Snetterton last weekend, and what a season opener it turned out to be as Mark Livens was joined by Carey Lewis in the Livens Property Care Honda Civic Type R.

With former team driver Rob Dyball taking a year out, Lewis, who is currently building his own Civic, proved a more than capable replacement as the duo took the car to outright victory.

Amid hail stones, qualifying saw Livens line up fifth as the race got under way, and he quickly improved this to fourth as he came into hand over to Lewis.

This position was retained over the driver change, and Lewis set about improving it.

Having progressed to second as he went into the last lap, this turned into victory as the leading car suffered retirement.

## RALLYING

This weekend, the rally scene moves to our area, as Chelmsford MC promote their Cadman Honington Stages Rally, a qualifying round of the Ward Construction/AEMC, and the Kick Energy Junior 1000 Championships.

As Honington is an operational MOD base, let me tell you that only competitors, service crews and marshals who have registered will be admitted.

For this event, the Chelmsford club will be joined by what has been referred to as a partner club in the form of West Suffolk MC, who will not only provide marshals, but also key officials of the rally.

Around 70 miles of competitive motoring will be included, with 75 crews on the entry list. These include 12 in the juniors, which will see Bury teenager Kasia Nicklin at the wheel

of her Nissan Micra, with a new co-driver, Peter Skillen.

Clare Rix is out in the Ford Ka, with Rob Cook in the hot seat having made a quick return to Suffolk after competing in Saturday's Somerset Rally.

We find another lady, Sharon Chil from Bury, co-driving Glyn Heighton Ford Escort while WSMC club champion drives his Mitsubishi Evo with Stuart Kingham alongside.

## DIARY DATES

Short Circuit. Mildenhall Raceway Saturday, 6.30pm.

BriSCA F2; Ministox; Bangers. Great Yarmouth, Sunday, 5.30pm.

Superstox; Rebels; Historic Stock Cars; Bangers.

Motor Racing. Cadwell Park, HSC Saturday and Sunday.

Races include Historic FF 2000, w Stephen Glasswell in the Reynard.

Rallying. Cadman Honington Stages Sunday.

Chelmsford MC, AEMC and Junior 1000 Championships. No spectator admission.

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