

Nicklin shines under dull skies

RALLYING

FOR their Mark Elis Motorsport-sponsored Woodbridge Stages Rally, Chelmsford MC provided 69 crews and six special stages, giving 66 miles of competitive motoring at MOD Woodbridge, writes Arthur Debenham.

Among the local competitors in action were Bury's Kasia Nicklin, who shone under cloudy skies.

Never outside the top four in the Kick Energy Pirelli Junior 1000 field, Nicklin, with Paul Jenkins in the co-driver's seat of the Nissan Micra, secured her best result to date with a fine second position.

Three crews contested the AEMC Championship category from West Suffolk MC, but only the Subaru Impreza of Justin Oliver/Claire Abrey finished, securing ninth overall, fifth in class E.

Less fortunate were Dave Daniel/Stuart Kingham, who rolled their Mitsubishi Evo 6 on the first stage, and Glyn Heighton/Sharon Chilver, who suffered clutch failure on the Escort RS 2000 as they contested the last stage.

Overall winners were Mark Jasper/Dan Whyatt, Metro 6R4.

badly affected by rain, which saw the racing stopped for more than an hour, as the circuit became flooded.

This affected the local drivers, who either had to wait until conditions improved or decide it was unfit to race.

Stephen Glasswell's FF2000 event was delayed just as it was about to start, but when it was eventually run, the conditions were still so bad that Stephen decided to non-start.

Tony Davis was in a similar situation, but he made it out for the Historic Road Sports race.

Driving a sensible race in still wet conditions, he secured a class win in his Sebring Sprite, which keeps him in contention for the championship.

Fellow Sprite driver, Peter Chappell, also made good use of the conditions to secure second in class.

THE annual Britcar 24 hours was played out at Silverstone last weekend, with a quality entry of 40 teams.

Among them was the Seat Supercopa, owned by Gavin Spencer.

The four-strong driver lineup included Gavin himself, along with Grant Boston, Lee J



MAKING A SPLASH: Kasia Nicklin in her Nissan Micra during the Woodford Stages Rally

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