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The Ginettas are mainly G20 models, but these are being replaced by the new G40. It was in a loaned development car from the factory, that Mildenhall's Elliot Stafford made his debut in the series, as the team await the arrival of their own G40.

A field of 28 saw Elliot qualify 15th, but his first outing was spoiled by gearbox trouble, which dropped him well back in the field. Race two saw him line up 15th and, by lap two, he had improved this to 10th before a red flag ended proceedings. The race will hopefully be re-run later in the season.

Last Saturday saw Elliot back in the Mighty Mini Championship at Cadwell Park. During Friday testing, the new engine dropped a valve. Thankfully, a replacement unit was located and Elliot put the car second on the grid. The race saw him constantly in the top five and he held a rewarding second as the chequered flag appeared.

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The opening round of the CSCC Tin Tops Championship was hosted by Snetterton on

Dyball was again teamed with Mark Livens in the Livens Property Care Honda Civic Type R.

Having qualified fourth overall, Mark took the first stint and retained fourth before handing over to Rob.

The race saw a fight for the final podium position, which Rob achieved, giving them a good start to the season.

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Silverstone hosted the opening round of the 500cc Formula 3 Series last weekend, with 15 of these famous little cars lining up. Badwell Ash-based George Shackleton put his Cooper MK6 into eighth position and went on to secure third in the class for pre-1954 cars.

Paul Hewes, from Troston, was less fortunate, his Cooper Norton retiring during the race.

RALLYING. The Malcolm Watson Spring Stages Rally, at Sculthorpe, attracted a good entry to the latest round of the AEMC Championship at the weekend.

It was a good result for the AEMC contesting crews as they filled the top three overall

Headed at home, was local crew, Tony and Emma Hewitt in their Mitsubishi Evo 5. AEMC Championship coordinator, Rob Cook also got among the awards. Co-driving for Clare Rix in the Ford Ka, the crew secured a third position in their class.

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The Great Bustard Rally opened the 2010 Endurance Road Rally Championship on Saturday, when 21 competitors left the start in Frome to face a 330-mile route.

Local crew of Claire Abrey and Matt Fowle, were in their Rover 214, with the West Suffolk MC crew leading the rally at one point, dropping to finish fourth overall, but securing victory in their class.

CAR TRIAL. Having been snowed off on New Year's Day, Eastern Counties MC organised their Norman Perren car trial on Easter Monday, an event which saw only a small field of 15 competitors at Seckford Hall.

As usual for this club, a different method of selecting a winner is used, with overall results seeing father and son

first and second respectively, in their Dellow.

Third place went to the little Fiat 500 of Hessem's Richard Pearson, with John Peterson's Mini and the Citroen AX GT of Robin Howard completing the top five.

DIARY DATES. Short Circuit. Foxhall Stadium, Ipswich, Saturday, 6.45pm. 2.0 Hot Rods - East Anglian Championship; Lightning Rods; Bangers.

Great Yarmouth, Sunday, 6.30pm. 2.0 Stock Cars - East Anglian Championship; Heritage F2s; Bangers.

Mildenhall Raceway, Saturday, 6.30pm. Saloon Stock Cars; Ministox; Bangers.

Rallying. Twyford Stages Rally, Mid Derby MC, Sunday. Single venue rally, Twyford Wood, near Grantham. Ward Construction AEMC Championship.

Sprint. RAF Honington, Borough MC, Sunday. AEMC Championship, no spectators.

Motor Racing. Snetterton, MSVR, Saturday. Meeting devoted to Britcar, Britsports.

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Kasia hits her target in historic outing

KASIA Nicklin (14), from Bury St Edmunds, made history as the youngest ever rally driver in the UK and also the first female driver to compete in the F1000 Junior Championship.

The rally was attended by 80 competitors and formed a round for several championships, including the Formula 1000 Junior for 14-16-year-olds.

This championship - now in its second year - is set to see

as many as 25 Junior drivers competing in up to 11 special stage rallies throughout England and Wales.

Over 10 gruelling stages, Kasia made steady progress as her confidence in the car and conditions grew, not even a high-speed 360 degree spin on stage eight, could hold her back. By the close of the event, Kasia had met her target and finished 12th from a field of 17 junior drivers, and was

overjoyed to receive a trophy on her first outing in recognition of her improvement over her seeded position.

With high hopes for the 2010 season, she will contest a further eight special stage rallies around the UK, together with her co-driver, Mark Ellis, who, as an experienced rally driver himself is able to provide valuable mentoring both on and off the stages.

Kasia has been in competitive

motorsport since she was eight years old, winning her first karting championship in 2006. Through 2007 and 2008 she built on this success at both club and national level at many events around the country.

Having retired from karting at the end of the 2008 season, Kasia spent 2009 testing in several junior car formulas and gained both MSA competition licenses for junior circuit racing and junior rallying.

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