

# Preparations of region's promising young drivers

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### **DRIVER PLANS 2013**

For Kasia Nicklin, the next few months will be largely spent away from the motorsport scene, as she concentrates on her A levels.

Also, as a nominated driver in the Motor Sports Association Advanced Apprenticeship in Motor Sports Excellence, she will be attending Loughborough College.

When Nicklin does return to the competitive side of motorsport – which will be around June – rallying will again be the chosen discipline, at least for 2013.

The Nissan Micra will once again be used, only now upgraded to 1400cc as opposed to the 1000cc version used in the Junior Championship.

Having obtained a DVLA driving licence, Nicklin

will be intending to contest qualifying rounds of regional championships, such as the Ward Construction/ Association of Motor Clubs Stage Rally version.

Another of our young drivers looking for success in 2013, is Bury's Matt Ellis.

His move from autoglass to circuit racing seems on course, as he has passed his ARDS – the Association of Racing Drivers Schools – test.

Ellis has also taken in two track days – at Snetterton and Cadwell Park – these being used as a test session for both car and driver.

The Citroen Saxo will be driven in the 750MC Stock Hatch Championship, although his commitments at Luke Stevens' Team Leos race preparation business, may restrict his race programme.

Luke Stevens himself is

hoping to fit in more race outings in 2013.

This may see him racing a Caterham or a Porsche Boxster.

Team Leos are busy rebuilding the Lotus Elan of Chevington's Conrad Bos, following its crash at Spa in Belgium last year.

The Ousden-based outfit are leaders in the preparation of Caterhams, and took in their first test session of the year at Snetterton last Tuesday.

Having won the Rookie Award driving his TKM Kart in the 2012 MSA British Championship, Great Barton teenager Michael Young is concentrating his efforts mainly at the Kimbolton circuit this year.

### **DIARY DATES**

Targa Rally. RAF Woodbridge, Chelmsford MC, Sunday.

Car Trial. Roger Holmes Memorial Trial, Sunday, Harlton, Cambs, Cambridge CC.

Short Circuit. Mildenhall Raceway, Saturday, 6.30pm.

Saloon Stock Cars; Ministox; Bangers.

Wimbledon, Sunday, 5.30pm.  
Superstox London; Rookie Rods; Ministox; Bangers.