

Swans rally crew fall foul of rules

THE SELBY and District Motor Club organised a successful Three Swans Road Rally for a 21st year at the weekend.

A bumper entry of 41 cars tackled Saturday night's event, which offered a test of navigating, map reading and timekeeping skills over a 110-mile route in East Yorkshire.

Part of two regional championships sponsored by local engineering firm TBM Cutters Ltd, it started from the York Road Service Station in Wilberfoss and headed north-east into foggy conditions on the Wolds above Garrowby Hill.

The local knowledge of Beverley MC crews Andy Beaumont/Mike Petch and Dan Robinson/Ian Gibbins helped both to edge a small advantage

over a determined challenge from Lincolnshire-based Steve Webster/Roger Hage.

Following a brief rest at Market Weighton, the route continued east, south, then west toward Holme-upon-Spalding-Moor and required some intricate route finding along little-used byways. Shortly after 3am the first crews were arriving at the finish at Selby MC's Brighton Airfield clubhouse, with all but five eventually completing the route.

Regrettably, Robinson & Gibbins fell foul of a rule infringement, which allowed the organisers no margin for leniency, leading to their disqualification and handing a second successive victory and the Watson McKay Trophy to

rivals Beaumont & Petch.

The format was designed to please expert, novice and 'standard car' crews by using straightforward navigation on traditional Yorkshire roads.

SDMC has club nights every other Thursday from 8.30pm. The club expresses its sincere thanks to the many marshals who gave freely of their time and without whom motor sport in general would not function.

The other top ten finishers were - Steve Webster/Roger Hage, 3 David Chapman/David Taylor, 4 Adrian Green/Mick Fern, 5 Nick Kershaw/Paul Nelson, 6 Trevor Faulkner/Chris Faulkner, 7 Malcolm Grisdale/Bob Hargreaves, 8 David Howell/Steven Taylor, 9 David Tubman/John Tubman & 10 Malcolm Blood/Graeme Potter.

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