



Jones the Giant Killer!

Welsh rally preparation expert Geoff Jones staged one of the biggest giant killing performances of 2006 when he outpaced a

number of World Rally Cars on his way to finishing 2nd overall in a Geoff Jones Motorsport run production class Subaru Impreza on this weekends Coppermine Grizedale Stages.

Despite this being only his second competitive outing of 2006 and running on development tyres from Kumho Geoff was the top Group N runner all day longer as, partnered by the vastly experienced Neil Dashfield, the popular Welshman took the fight to the far superior world rally cars and left the others in his class gasping for breath.

As well as winning his class on every single stage Geoff was beaten only by event winner and budding World Rally Championship star Matt Wilson in a 2006 Ford Focus WRC on over half of the days stages, run through the Grizedale Stages in a surprisingly mild Lake Districts.

Geoff, whose Machynlleth based preparation firm runs cars in a variety of championships, from clubman single venue events all the way up to the Junior World Rally Championship, proved once again that it is not all about the car even in the modern era of 4 wheel drive and all the technical wizardry that goes with it.

Despite never having competed on the event before Geoff eventually finished nearly a minute ahead of his closest class rival, Tristan Pye, at the wheel of a similar Subaru Impreza, and 1 second ahead of Barry Johnson in his ex Petter Solberg Subaru WRC!

All year long the guys have been nagging me about getting out there and competing but I've been too busy with the business to squeeze an event in. This wouldn't have been possible without the big effort from all the lads at GJM, and a big thanks also to Neil for sitting alongside me! He couldn't stop laughing all day long! We didn't take any risks and not having been here before I just drove to the notes. The car, an ex Prodrive test car, ran faultlessly all day long and this was basically a shakedown for 2007 as it joins the fleet of hire cars we have available.

Well done to the organisers on a well run event and Merry Christmas to everyone!

The 2006 Coppermine Grizedale Stages attracted a near capacity entry list and with its December date already confirmed for 2007 looks set to remain a very popular end to the rallying season.

For more on the rally please visit www.grizedalestages.co.uk
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