



Geoff Jones Motorsport – off to a strong start for 2009

With the new rally season well under way it's time to reflect on the opening four months of the new year and, despite the press screaming about the 'economic crisis', the Machynlleth based Geoff Jones Motorsport is in rude health.

Geoff Jones has been busy instructing the latest member to the GJM fold, Gary Kenna, for the past four months. Gary, from Stoke on Trent, has competed in the past but between driver error and poorly prepared cars, he did not have a lot of success. So when he approached Geoff about driver tuition the pair decided to begin with the basics. Intensive instructing duly followed and Gary soaked up all of the advice like a sponge. Obviously all of this driving must have helped because Gary recently contested the Somerset Stages in a Geoff Jones Motorsport prepared and run Subaru Impreza B13. Seeded at car 47 Gary not only finished his first rally in a number of years but also improved dramatically on his seeding! The smile at the finish in Minehead said it all and Gary looks set to contest a number of events during the season.

Neville Jones is another busy man. His season began in January where he was co-driven by his brother in law on what is fast becoming a yearly tradition, the Red Kite Stages. Despite a spin and lots of laughs, the pair enjoyed a good run to fourth in class. Neville then contested the opening round of the British Rally Championship, the Bulldog Rally. With all sorts of weather, ranging from snow and hail to bright afternoon sunshine, conditions were tough but still Nev enjoyed a faultless day out, improving on every stage. The obvious benefits of Geoff Jones' tutorage were plain to see when Nev returned to the fiercely competitive BTRDA Rally Series for the Somerset Stages. Despite a slow start as he readjusted to using organiser's notes again, the Vulcan Fasteners backed driver soon found a rhythm and ended the day inside the top 20 overall. This is a vast improvement over 2008 where he ended the same rally, in the same car, 48th overall!

Geoff Jones Motorsport continues its long standing relationship with the British Rally Championship into 2009. This year the team is assisting the Revolution Wheels Rally Team with on-event technical input and also assists 2008 C2R2cup runner up Andrew Hockridge with pre event preparation work on his brand new Citroen C2R2 Max.

Exciting news is the announcement that Geoff will return to the British Rally Championship as a competitor when he is drafted into the Revolution Wheels Rally Team for the third round of the championship, the Jim Clark International Rally in May. This will be the first time that Geoff has competed in the BRC for a number of years and whilst he anticipates being near the pace of the front runners, his primary aim will be to focus on team points.

For further news or more information about Geoff and the team please browse the website or contact us for more details.