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LLOYDS-Telford Jubilee Stages 18.6.77

Once again we thank our generous sponsor, LLOYDS of Stafford and Mike Dickens for the marvellous facilities, including their development RS- "whatever is in it at the moment" as course car, provided for our Single Venue Stage Rally at Marchington. A rather depleted entry list of 23 headed by TAC Members Martin Watson and Peter White left LLOYDS to start the first stage at Marchington at about 11.30 for four stages before lunch. The halfway scoreboard saw Watson and White leading by just one second from the crews of P Crane and B Daniels and S Grundy and N Marriott who were both on the same time. It was evident at this stage of the proceedings that competition was going to be very keen over the five stages in the second half and all eyes were on the very tight battle being fought by these very quick crews

The best entertainment value of the day was given by the No 7 seed of A Shone and A Pemberton, who after being unable to figure out the best way of executing the low walled hairpin on Stage 4, decided that the best thing was to sit on top of one of the walls in order to get a birds eye view of the situation, forgetting of course, that once they'd got it up there, it was going to prove extremely difficult to get the thing down again. However hoards of marshalls and spectators descended on the perched vehicle and manhandled the beast back to Terra Firma, and of the undaunted pair went losing only two minutes as a result. (I still think a quick jab on the hand brake would have done the trick). The whole incident seemed to remind me of the finish of "The Italian Job".

Jim Thompson and Andy Morris gave us a superb little event which I am sure, with more willing help, can become another TAC regular.

The eventual results were as follows :-

1st O/all	M Watson/P White	954 secs
2nd O/all	P Crane/B Daniels	975 secs
3rd O/all	S Grundy/N Marriott	992 secs
1st class 1	C Bennett/L Bennett	
2nd class 1	P Collins/C Price	
3rd class 1	G Wilson/R Fildes	
1st Class 2/3	S Grundy/N Marriott	
2nd Class 2/3	S Raines/S Gregg	
3rd Class 2/3	Jenkins	
1st Class 4	P Crane/B Daniels	
2nd Class 4	M Edmunds/J Weir	
3rd Class 4	D Williams/N Penny	

Best TAC Crew of more than 6 months standing R Ridley/D Williams

Surely if there had been an award for concours-d'elegance it would have gone to the absolutely beautiful Mk I Cortina of J Sinclair/R Burton - to quote our Scrutineer Frank Williams "It was the most beautifully prepared car I've ever had presented to me for scrutineering". (Perhaps we should start and give awards at events for the best prepared car).