

AWARD	CAR No.	DRIVER	NAVIGATOR
First Overall	7	Simon Harrison	Paul Holmberg
1 <sup>st</sup> Expert	3	Matt Fowle	Mark Appleton
2 <sup>nd</sup> Expert	21	Murray MacDonald	Graham Dance
3 <sup>rd</sup> Expert	22	Richard Bradbury	Phil Prosser
1 <sup>st</sup> Semi-Expert	41	Justin Chapman	Mark Slatcher
2 <sup>nd</sup> Semi-Expert	36	Richard Atherton	Chris Bowden
3 <sup>rd</sup> Semi-Expert	35	Dave Broadley	Michael McKenna
1 <sup>st</sup> Novice	57	Keith Pitcher	Kenneth Howlett
2 <sup>nd</sup> Novice	58	Chris Parmenter	Andy Merchant
3 <sup>rd</sup> Novice	52	Lee Robinson	Daniel Robinson
Best CMC Driver	25	John Parsons	
Best CMC Navigator	25	Brian Jaggs	
Best Team	-	No complete team finished ! ( out of 11 ! )	
Best Mixed Crew	10	Mike Biss	Cath Woodman
Spirit of the Rally	TBA	TBA	TBA

For several years running now I've been saying the same thing just after the first weekend of December...

**What a night !!!** Well done not only to all award winners, but to all who simply finished, and to *all of you* for just *daring* to tackle The One & Only Preston Rally !!! Those who didn't finish, you can hold your heads high... well most of you can !!!

We actually had a full compliment of sixty cars start the event this time, which is very satisfying. Sympathies to reserves Steve Warburton & Oliver Thomas who didn't get a run.

*The rest of this paragraph is almost exactly what I wrote last year, I cannot say it any better now, and it sums up everything, so why change it :* The event seems to have been.. er, very well received !! Was it, in its 26<sup>th</sup> year, the best Preston ever ?! The quality of the entry was very high indeed, I feel the route was the best yet ( although I planned it, on the night it had me as excited as rest ! ), same goes for the Road Book (my baby ! ) and the arrowing too - boy do some of us put some hard work into that ! In fact everyone involved in the organising & running of the event puts in a huge amount of hard work, and all do a superb job. The marshalling was *outstanding* ; the rescue crews were there for us in all the right places and even though we didn't make much use of their services its great to have them there ; results were superb, I especially like all the analysis which makes great reading ; I could go on & on - but that's not my style !!! So from myself, and on behalf of all competitors I'm sure, I offer a huge thank you to **ALL** who in any way assisted in the running of this remarkable event, especially to Bill Preston ; all the senior officials, who are my fellow organisers & friends ; and to all the land-owners, what a difference they make ! We're going to put a list of everyone who helps the Preston on the website, please please look at it, they all deserve recognition.

The conditions were pretty mixed this time, eh ?!! What about Croxton then ?! Bloody slippery or what ?!! The weather conditions were perfect - mild to put it mildly (!). The event came together like a dream and ran as smoothly as could be... but what a rate of attrition !! Why oh why did so many of you throw it all away ?? Have you forgotten what a brute The Preston can be ? Or haven't you yet learned that there are other ways to drive a rally besides on maximum throttle ?!! Y'know its disappointing for us organisers that half the field only gets to see half the rally, or less... in a number of cases you only have yourselves to blame, you know its true !! I was very disappointed that Knettishall 1 was cleanable, I was so hoping that wouldn't happen anywhere this year... bugger ! And very well done to Car 4 for posting such a cracking time on Methwold Warren - don't ya just love it in there ?!! As usual numerous crews turned in some great performances, not least Messrs Harrison & Holmberg, what a result, talk about canny... well done indeed ! Now come on everyone, what about the 'Spirit of the Rally award then ?? Please post suggestions, *and reasons*, on the forums on [this](#) website please, I myself know of four crews who deserve it... In fact if you have anything to say about the event, anything at all - and I want to hear *everything* that *everyone* has to say - please put it on this website ( as opposed to other websites, since this is a CMC event, thank you. Mind your p's & q's though...! ).

As usual the 'clear-up King', Geoff Lobb picked-up various car parts around the route after the fun ( ! ), so if you lost something call him on 07768 165 814. I estimate we'll have raised about £900 for the Air Ambulance, not bad eh.

All the results information is here for you to print off & enjoy at leisure - section times, o/a positions after each section, positions at rest halts, full penalties per car per TimeCard, retirements list which makes amusing reading (!), and details of team entries ( 11 teams this time, pretty good - not that any finished ! ). There's also some great comments on the forums if you haven't noticed already ! Photos in due course. If anyone doesn't have Internet access, phone Sec of Meeting Ian Phillips or myself, and we'll post you the whole thing to you.

Awards will be presented at a special CMC club-night on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2005, at the Essex Regiment Way Golf Centre near Little Waltham, north of Chelmsford. Full details will be announced on this website very soon, please keep an eye on it... Award winners : please make the effort to come, we know it's a long way for some of you and it is a week night, but we're going to make an effort to make it a good one and we're confident that it will be. Hope you can all be there ; other than that, the 2004 Preston Rally is over... *see you next time ?? !!!!!* Keep it on the island !

**Adrian Gladwin, Clerk of the Course, on behalf of The Management!**