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Dear Competitor,

Another year gone and what an exciting end! The last event of the year saw the championship wide open and could be anybody's to win.

Last year's champion driver Brett Griffin lead the championship going into Rockingham, 26 points ahead of Pete Rayner and Justin Oliver. All Pete had to do is finish 2nd or higher in Class C to be the 2008 Ward Construction AEMC Stage Rally Champion. Pete's determination over the 2 day event saw him finish well, especially after the engine problems that have plagued the MKII Escort throughout the year. I can announce after a 7th overall at Rockingham and the points won for class C position, Pete Rayner is taking the Charles Golding trophy as drivers champion.

Richard Upton had a storming drive, preferring the wet Saturday to the dryish Sunday that fell over the Corby venue. As is customary, the Ford Sierra nearly lost its front bumper but not before a nice 25 yard front wheel lockup in the pit lane going into a hairpin left. Richard finished 4th overall on the event and takes 3rd overall in the championship. Brett takes the runners up position of 2nd overall driver.

The battle for overall co-driver was just as hotly contended. In joint 3rd place on 90 points are Paul Bareham, Scott Rayner, Sam Fordham and Richard Bonner. In second was Sue Walker and leading the pack Irene Lewsey. There was also a battle for highest place lady between Sue and Irene, with a weekend of competition and 85 miles it was down to the navigators to keep their drivers under control for them to win.

With Scott Rayner swapping to the drivers seat and Sam Fordham not being with Brett, it was a four-way battle to top honours. With Richard Upton's win, this lifted Paul Bareham to 2nd overall, and Pete's finish puts Richard Bonner third overall. The struggle for overall and lady's honours was now on. A consistent drive by husband David in the yellow Puma, means that Sue Walker is taking the Chris Rees trophy for 1st overall co-driver and is also our lady's champion.

Please see the reverse of this page to see how the points add up. The awards presentation for this years awards will be held at the Middlewick stages at Woodbridge in February.

Plans for the 2009 championship are underway and I can announce that a permit has been issued and the following events are included:-

Longmoor Loco 28 December	Emerald Stages 15 February	MiddleWick Stages 21 February
Robin Hood Forest Stage 14-15 March	Malcolm Watson Spring Stages 5 April	The Twyford Stages 19 April
Middlesex Stages 3 May	Millbrook Stages 25 May	Dukeries 13 June
CAR-nival Stages 14 June	Essex Charity Stages 5 July	Bomb-a-long Stages 6 September
Anniversary Stages 20 September	Speedy Hire Stages 27 September	Woodbridge Stages 10 October
Lynn Charity Stage 8 November	Premier Stages 21 November	Rockingham Stages 5-6 December

May I take this opportunity and thank you all for your support over this last year. It leaves me only to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Best regards.

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AWARD WINNERS

(subject to any protests)

1st overall

Driver, Charles Golding trophy Pete Rayner
Co-driver, Chris Rees trophy Sue Walker

2nd overall

Driver Brett Griffin
Co-driver Paul Bareham

3rd overall

Driver Richard Upton
Co-driver Richard Bonner

Class A	1st	2nd	3rd
Driver	Scott Rayner	David Walker	Aron Rayner
Co-driver	Scott Rayner	Aron Rayner	Tony Clements

Class B	1st	2nd	3rd
Driver	Charlotte Landon	Tony Michael	Ashley Davies
Co-driver	Sam Fordham	Tudor Daives	Ray Keith

Class C	1st	2nd	3rd
Driver	Richard Lewsey	Mathew Ockendon	Ed Scott
Co-driver	Irene Lewsey	Ben Scott	

Class D	1st	2nd	3rd
Driver	Steve Tillbrook	John Legg	
Co-driver			

Class E	1st	2nd	3rd
Driver	Justin Oliver		
Co-driver	Paul Markham		

Best Lady Club Award	Sue Walker Wickford
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