

## short weekenders

### Moody's marathon

WEST COUNTRYMAN Dennis Moody with Jon Savage took the Farnborough & DMC and Mid Thames CC organised Sort-Out Stages Rally by storm on Sunday. Having cleaned the first stage, he went on to win the event without ever being threatened by any of the other runners.

65 miles had been arranged in a unique format offering night tarmac rallying over Salisbury Plain and daylight forest stages in Ringwood. With Moody well out in front and able to cruise the forest stages, a battle between Charlie Eveson, Stan Dukes and Colin Barrell raged. Eveson

finally finishing over a minute ahead of Dukes who in turn snatched second from Colin Barrell.

**G.C.**  
Dennis Moody / John Savage (Escort Mk3) 3966; Charlie Eveson / Geoff East (Escort RS) 4207a; Stan Dukes / Keith Staddon (Escort RS) 4271a; Colin Barrell / Steve Middleton (Sunbeam) 4273a.

### McHale pops Cork

BERTIE FISHER took the lead from Demi Fitzgerald after just two stages of the Uniroyal Cork 20 Rally but retired on the second stage of the second leg to give Austin McHale the lead, and consequent victory.

Slick tyres were very much the order of the first day but torrential rain caused numerous problems on the second leg. Englishman Ian Tilke with Steve

Bond co-driving was up to fourth on the first day but blew the engine and retired.

**S.B.**  
Austin McHale (Escort), Rickie Lee (Escort), Demi Fitzgerald (Chevette), Frank O'Mahony (Escort).

### Jones' Telford

ALTHOUGH beaten into fourth place Mick Chick and Steve Bennett retained their lead in the Telford Stage Championship following the sixth round at Stanmore industrial estate, near Bridgnorth, last Sunday.

In a tight finish after 16 stages Phil Jones / Bill Fellows scored a four second victory in the Talbot Sunbeam with the second and third crews only a second apart in an entry of 45 crews and run smoothly by Telford AC.

1. Phil Jones / Bill Fellows (Talbot Sunbeam), 24m 1a; 2. Nigel Webber / Phil James (Escort), 24m 3a; 3. Martin Walters / Pat O'Connor (Escort), 24m 6a; 4. Mick Chick / Steve Bennett (Escort), 24m 7a; 5. Keith Williams / Stuart Hassall (Toyota) 24m 9a. Class winner: Brian Garton / Paul Haycock (Mini), 25m 41a.

### Moore at Fulbeck

MID Derbyshire MC made full use of Fulbeck airfield's loose tarmac last Sunday to lay on eight stages for the 75 crews taking part in their Autumn Stages Rally.

In the opening exercises the leaders were well matched but eventually the Talbot Sunbeam Lotus of Phil Moore / P. Tonge pulled away to win by 17 seconds while the interesting Volvo turbo of David Cunliff attracted attention and took third.

**D.H.**  
1. Phil Moore / P. Tonge (Talbot Sunbeam Lotus), 2790a; 2. Ian Roberts / G. Moss (Chevette), 2797a; 3. Dave Cunliff / J. Vincent (Volvo turbo), 2808a; 4. D. Titch / P. Ladbrook (Chevette), 2823a; 5. Chris Pearson / P. Dalton (Opel Manta), 2838a. Class winners: M. Riddle / P. Soyhan (Aix Renault), 2992a; M. Widdop / M. Whiteley (Talbot Sunbeam), 2861a; C. Lawrence / C. Johnson (Mercedes), 2885a.

### Cut-price Wigham

A BROKEN throttle cable which delayed them for about six minutes put paid to John Dixon's chances of winning the Bridlington DMC's NTJ Discount Motoring Stages Rally last Sunday but with the problem cured he took his Escort TC to fastest or second quickest time on the seven stage event.

The club used stubble fields and paddocks to good effect for their 41 strong entry at Ulrome, near Bridlington with the clear winners finishing over half a minute ahead.

**D.H.**  
1. J. Wigham / A. Wigham (Chevette), 1647a; 2. A. Taylor / D. Robinson (Escort), 1663a; D. Dal / K. Wood (Escort), 1691a; 4. D. Wingfield / G. Wingfield (Escort), 1710a; 5. F. Taylor / A. Other (Escort), 1717a.