

## CMSG Targa Report

The Kemble Targa has run since the last meeting. Another great event, won by National Autosolo Champion, Neil Jones with Aled Jones navigating. But he only won by one second from reigning CMSG Targa Champions Robert and Andy Fields, and a further one second from third placed James Griffiths and Matt Venables. It was great to see James and Matt finish an event after many reliability issues.

Steve Conner in his MX5, with Ben Griffin navigating, initially led the event, but their biggest competition was when they swapped seats in Ben's 106 Rallye. Steve broke a power steering pump pipe which limited his pace. Liam Rollings also picked up a little damage on a compression and had to finish a Test with a puncture.

The Clubman event was won by Callum Lambourn with Alan Wakeman navigating (Alan also won the under 1400cc Expert class when driving, with Callum's partner, Charlotte, navigating).

It's interesting to hear people's thoughts on how rough the event was. I thought it was smooth. Those from an Autosolo background, less so. Neil Jones won in his Autosolo MX5. Steve Conner was fourth in his Autosolo MX5, finishing second overall last year. This demonstrates what can be done without a fully prepared Rally car. I enjoyed the gravel section the most. But the event is very well supported, with a reserve list until the event itself.

The next event is the Hatsford Targa on the 6<sup>th</sup> August, followed by the Targa in the Dark on 30<sup>th</sup> September, the Exmoor on 28<sup>th</sup> October, and the Bustard at 18<sup>th</sup> November.

The Glastonbury Festival was dry, so it's expected that Bustard Targa will be relatively smooth – if it rains during the Festival, the tracks develop ruts, which bake hard for the Bustard.

Ben Griffin now leads the Targa Drivers, ahead of Simon Phillips.

Simon's navigator, Thomas Horst, leads the Navigators from Steve Conner and Grace Lees.