



## TC1

Grid lines with 100km prefixes did not cause too many problems for the experienced crews, resulting in a 5 way tie for the lead, closely followed by Dave/Kev at 1 minute. Clive/Angie suffered navigator's mental block on this one and never really recovered from it - sorry guys! Those who hadn't had the time to read the regs didn't understand the relevance of 'fail boards' and consequently Holwell triangle must have looked liked Piccadilly Circus!! - remember there can only be one correct route (shortest) and it cannot cross itself!!

## IRTC1a & RTC2

An excellent piece of driving by Richard (or accurate calculation by Andrew) saw team Egger arrive within 12 secs of their due time at the IRTC, promoting them into the lead. They were closely followed by Dave Palmer/Andy Lewin (50') and Graham Parkinson/Andrew Duerdon (56'). Four crews failed to stop at this unmanned IRTC and record their time, resulting in a fail. Notable casualties were Dhiren/John Pick and Dave/Kev.

## TC3

This section sorted the brainiacs from the maniacs!! Well done to Dhiren/John and Adam/Nathan for cleaning this section. Compass directions appeared to relate to the departing direction at road junctions. However, this only worked for the first 2/3 of the section as in reality the directions related to crossing grid lines. With the confusion compounded by 'fail boards' team Egger took the bait and headed off through Coston ford and down Stonesby white !! the resulting 3 fails dropping them out of contention! Dave Fox also sent Simon the same way in his new Jag!! (oops!!) as too did Chris Ladkin/Steve North. This alternative route obviously works so maybe we'll include it next year!! Unfortunately, Graham/Andrew missed the Saxby code board dropping them to 4th. At the end of the section Dave/Andy had taken over the lead with Adam/Nathan 2<sup>nd</sup> (9 mins) and Dhiren/John 3<sup>rd</sup> (1F).

## TC4

Another testing section with the route being defined by a NAM grass triangle herringbone. Well done to Dick/Baz who were the only crew to clean this one! Dave/Andy came close to losing their lead when they lost 7 mins but Adam/Nathan also struggled and lost a further 11 mins. Many crews realised that they had approached the NAM from the wrong direction (as they recorded the correct code board) but continued on, ignoring the fact that there was another code board on the section they had missed out .... tut tut guys!! Again, notable casualties were Adam/Nathan, (who still managed to hang on to their 2nd place) Dhiren/John, and

Graham/Andrew. Dhiren/John also dropped 6 mins which allowed Graham/Andrew to leapfrog into 3rd.

## TC5

A single simple 'avoid' didn't pose too much of a problem for most crews, although every crew missed the Knipton NAM grass triangle sneakily hidden behind a post. Andy Lewin claims he recorded it then rubbed it out .... shame!!

## MTC2

'YYY' type navigation again didn't cause too many problems with any delays easily being made up in the 30 minute section although a couple of crews succumbed to further fail boards. Despite a difficult last section for Nathan/Adam, they amazingly held on to 2nd overall ;o)

## Result

**1st Overall/Expert - Dave Palmer & Andy Lewin**

**1st Novice/2nd Overall - Nathan Marriott & Adam Gardner**

- Well done to Chris Ladkin/Steve North for recording every available code board!! (unfortunately this included 6 fail boards!!)
- Well done to Adam/Nathan for covering the greatest ever distance on a 2hr 12 car rally ... 82 miles!!

## Special thanks

Brian & Mary for MTC1, closing, and finding all the 'fail boards'!

All the marshals: Pat & Mary, Kathryn & Daniel, Nigel, Jason, Nick & father.

Car	Driver/Navigator	TC1		IRTC1a				RTC2		TC3		TC4		TC5		MTC2		TOTAL		B N E	CLASS	OVERALL
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1	Dhiren Solarki / John Pickervance			1								1	6	1				3	6	E	3	4
2	Richard Egger / Andrew Egger					12	e			3	13		3	1				4	16	E	5	6
3	Adam Gardner / Nathan Marriott				5	33	l		4			1		1				2	10	N	1	2
4	Graham Parkinson / Andrew Duerdon					56	l			1	3	1		1				3	4	E	2	3
5	Kevin Hardwick / Dave Bennett		1	1					2	1	5	1	5	1			1	4	14	E	4	5
6	Dick Groom / Baz Wheeler		3	2					10	2	10			1			1	6	23	N	2	7
7	Clive Martin / Angie Martin	3	3	3				3		2		4	3	1	6	3	14	>12	26	N	4	10
8	Dave Palmer / Andy Lewin					50	l				3		7	1				1	11	E	1	1
9	Chris Ladkin / Steve North	2			1	12	l			2	6	1	6	1	1	1		7	15	N	3	8
10	Simon Lea / Dave Fox	2		1						4	4	3		1		1		12	4	E	6	9

See you next year, Mike & Gary