

Tony James

It is with deep sadness that I have to announce the passing of Tony James (59) on 31st March 2018 after a short illness.

Tony, who lived in Mountsorrel, was a member of the club over a number of years in the 80's and 90's.

He started off stage rallying in his Mk 1 Escort on East midlands single venue events such as Ketton Quarry, Fulbeck, Lindholme and Manby.

I joined him as his co-driver around 1982 and we competed together for eight years.

He progressed from single venue to the multi venue championship competing on such local events as the Dukeries Rally, the Premier Rally , Norking Alcan, Uniband and Tour of Lincs to name a few and further afield to do the Lakeland stages and Trackrod M C events in the Yorkshire forests with mixed success.

By 1984 the Mk 1 had got a bit tired so Tony replaced it with a Mk 2 Escort that he built and prepared himself, a testimony to his engineering skills.

One of the highlights of his motorsport career was winning the East Midlands single venue championship. He was also awarded the clubs Stage Rally Driver award and also the trophy for the best 'off' of the year.

Tony leaves his partner Ann, and twin daughters Natasha and Amy

A sad loss to us all

Phil Fearn