

Gruelling event puts drivers in gear

By George Topp

THE Tunnocks Tour of Mull Rally, a tough weekend event held over the island's closed public roads, attracted over 160 entries from across Britain.

Amongst them were three county drivers, all of whom finished the fast and gruelling tarmac event, and can be delighted with their performances throughout the event.

Mull regulars Chris Paton and Dave Cabena from Hyndford Bridge started at 78 but brought their 1600cc Nova back in a good 29th overall and third in class at the finishing line.

Another Coltness Car Club pairing, Grant Fleming and Fergus Loudon finished 46th after starting at 102 in their two litre Mk2 Escort - and excellent performance by the county pair.

Five places behind at the end of the island event came the Bell College of Hamilton backed Nova GTE of Mark Runciman and Ewan Towart, who had started at 159 and did extremely well to work themselves through the field to their finishing position.

Meanwhile, Scottish kitchen appliance distributors Leaker Direct Ltd have teamed up with teenage rally driver Alick Kerr with a deal that will see him through to the end of the 2005 rally season.

Managing Director, Arthur Leaker ex-



ISLAND REGULARS: Chris Paton and Dave Cabena.

plained the reasons behind their support of the teenager driver.

He said: "Being a motorsport enthusiast, I am delighted to be assisting a talented youngster who came to me with an impressive list of achievements for such a young driver."

Ford Rallye Academy graduate and rally winner, Alick Kerr (17), from Bothwell, is contesting the four round Belmont 205 Ecosse Challenge Autumn Cup, which started with the McRae Stages earlier this month and is delighted at the backing of the firm.

Kerr's Peugeot 205 GTi rally car is co-driven by fellow Bothwell teenager, Ian Angell.