

Teenage rally driver on form

By George Topp

BOTHWELL rally driver Alick Kerr (17), is lying second in the 205 Challenge Winter Cup series following Saturday's Grizedale Stages Rally.

The tough Lake District event attracted 135 entries from across Britain, including novice Kerr in his Leaker Dir-

ect-backed Peugeot 205. The teenager had teamed up with experienced north of England-based co-driver Mark Mason for the rally. Mark is a championship-winning co-driver with experience of the Lake District stages.

A steady run on the event placed Kerr 65th overall and second 205 Challenge car at the end of the day.

Mechanical problems from

the last rally were ironed out and a trouble-free run leaves the pair lying second overall in the Cup.

Also in action over the weekend was Scotland's former World Rally Champion Colin McRae who, together with F1 star David Coulthard, upheld Scottish honours in the end-of-season Race of Champions and Nations Cup event at the Stade de France in Paris.

Unfortunately, Scotland had to look on as Team Scandanavia won the Nations Cup, and in the knock-out Race of Champions McRae was beaten by former Citroen team-mate Sebastian Loeb.

Another former Clydesdale champion, twice British Touring Car Champion John Cleland, has just taken part in his most unusual and toughest race - against the RAF.

Cleland drove a Jaguar S-Type road car over a five-mile section of closed public roads between Ballymena and Larne in Northern Ireland, racing against 230 Tiger Squadron's Puma HC1 helicopter.

Although the two races they took part in were declared a draw, Cleland said he could have won had it not been for the bad weather.