

## Newcombe back on rally track after forest closure.



At Speed in the Wydean Forest

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Plymouth rally driver Martin Newcombe is excited to be back on track next weekend (25 July 2010) after a surprise forest closure. The recent Swansea Bay Rally, a favourite with competitors, was postponed due to a tree disease which caused an exclusion zone around the forests of the Rhondda Valley in South Wales. It is hoped that the disease will be eradicated by October, at which time, hopefully, the rally will be run.

Martin and his co driving father Peter will be taking their newly upgraded Mitsubishi Evo 6 to the Coracle Rally in Mid Wales. The Newcombe's have been busy modifying their rally car during the break. These improvements include a new more efficient and lighter exhaust system, an improved front differential and new set of bigger front brakes. Martin said; "These improvements will make the car lighter and faster out of the bends, and time will be saved by later braking".

The rally takes place at the very popular Sweet Lamb Rally Complex which belies its name and is probably Europe's best known and toughest gravel rallying area. It is neither sweet nor sheepish with its very tight and twisty gravel tracks over very hilly terrain. Its water splashes and big jumps and hundreds of hairpin bends with fresh air drops make it not for the faint hearted. A slight error at speeds of over 100 mph could easily see the car tumbling off the track and down the hillside. Such are the demands on the drivers and cars, that world rally teams use it for testing, and it will be featured in the Rally GB later this year.

The 70 car event will contain 7 special stages totalling 45 competitive miles. Martin, who is competing in the open 4 wheel drive class, which includes world rally cars, is no stranger to the area is hoping for an overall top ten finish and a class podium. If successful this will follow similar excellent results already achieved this year. These have included numerous top ten stage times with podium class finishes on the national rally scene. The highlights being 3rd overall on stage 2 of the Red Kite Rally and just 3 seconds away for the class win and 3rd overall on the Bulldog National Rally. Both rallies being in the forests of Wales.



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Co driver Peter added: "Considering the professional opposition with their massive support, we as amateurs in a semi professional sport have a tough challenge ahead. Hence sponsorship is vital to us. Therefore we very much appreciate the help we receive from our sponsors who include : Kumho Tyres, Protyre Gupa-P and The Tamar Trailer Centre".