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Cholmondeley Pageant of Power

Elite Supermoto racer Lewis Cornish recently took part in one of the most prestigious motor sport events in Europe. The young Norfolk rider competed in the Pageant of Power meeting in the glorious settings of the Cholmondeley Castle stately home in Cheshire. This sprint event is open to motorcycles and cars by invitation only and Lewis was chosen to represent his sponsor Dave Clarke Racing aboard his Nameplate Services KTM 450 supermoto bike. Unlike Lewis' usual race weekends where he competes against 27 other riders in a race to the finish, here the idea is to set a fast time between two points against the clock. The undulating course follows a narrow ribbon of tarmac bordered by bales, Armco and trees so there's simply no room for error on the high speed runs. Despite being up against over a 100 top car and bike entries running anything from a TT winning bike to powerful F1, and group B 'works' rally cars Lewis acquitted himself well on the mainly damp circuit by posting 7th fastest time over the three day event, beating many highly funded professional racers in the process. Lewis' DCR team mate Andy Mitchell took overall top honours for the fastest time of the meeting aboard his Husaberg 650. The single cylinder supermoto bikes showing that you don't need 700+bhp, four wheels and sophisticated electronics to go fast at the Cholmondeley Pageant of Power. In the holding area before the riders went to the line for their runs Lewis and his supermoto team entertained the thousands of spectators by carrying out wheelies, stoppies and a rolling burn out display during an impromptu stunt session.

Lewis explained " This really is so different to my usual racing, the tarmac is very narrow and lined by people and Armco. Racing against other riders is fun but beating almost all of the mega expensive race cars really was even better. Our bike being a 450 was way down on power compared to the other 650cc plus bikes and some of the riders have ridden here several times before so I was only riding about 95% of what I would on a normal race track. I know I could have gone quicker but I've a British Championship to think about in a few weeks so I wasn't going to risk it too much. The Pageant is a real petrol-head's heaven and there is just about every type of race car and bike you could think of competing here. I'd like to thank Dave and Christine Clarke for making it possible for me to attend such a high-profile meeting and hopefully I'll be back again next year."

Lewis Cornish will return to his usual British Championship Supermoto Championships for round four at the Lakeland Rowrah Stadium, Cumbria at the end of the month where he hopes to shrug off a recent run of bad luck and make a return to the podium.



Lewis and Dave Clarke



Last minute preparation's with Mum, Julia Cornish



Marshal preparing Lewis for the start of the session



Lewis fires off the line

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