



DUTCH COURAGE

We bid farewell to Yorkshire and glide southwards, channel-hopping with P&O Ferries, and it's a 200-mile run from Calais to Maastricht in the Netherlands' Limburg province. Based at Born on the outskirts of Maastricht, Speed Service have been going for 14 years. Proprietor Olav Gelissen started with classic Volkswagen Beetle restorations and for the first five years worked on both VWs and Porsches, and since locating to the present premises ten years ago the

crammed with exciting Porsches too. Among them is his rally 934, schemed the other way round in orange with blue stripes. Olav's a big fan of late '60s and early '70s Porsche competition cars, and races and rallies a couple of his 911s regularly on the European circuit – he would love to tackle Classic Le Mans – and applies his experience to setting up customers' cars as well. Speed Service maintain the cars of 250 regular clients, and the staff includes Bjorn Bremen who's in charge of bodywork and design, and Leon Akkermans who's chief

“Olav offered his client a 934 rally car instead, and took the RSR on as his own baby”

firm has specialised exclusively in Porsches. Our RSR isn't the only Gulf-themed 911 here: first to receive the blue-and-orange treatment was a 3.2 Carrera, since sold, while there's a similarly-hued 993 Turbo racer and a 997 Carrera Cup car in the workshop, plus a rather nice DP Motorsport flat-nose 930 in white and blue. Just out of restoration there's a blood-orange Targa to-die-for, and a fabulous yellow RS backdated from a 3.2 Carrera that's almost finished. The showroom is

mechanic, plus Olav's wife who's the secretary.

Olav's 1973 RSR lookalike is based on a '72 shell, fitted with a low-miles, early 993 flat-six (non-VarioRam) motor coupled to a G50 transmission. It's clad in bespoke period glassfibre shrouding, and with PMO carbs and K&N filters it certainly looks the part. The brakes come from an '85 Turbo, with 3.2 Carrera servo, which model also accounts for much of the running gear. It began as a project for a customer but Olav got