

## BLOG March 2013 : by Jerry Filor

This, the last of meets at the GHW saw a return of Lee's decepticon turbo mini, albeit staggering its way to the pub with a maximum of 30 MPH ! for some reason the rev limiter was maxing out at 3000rpm...which is not terribly effective for such a highly tuned car. Clive said that he had put some thoughts on the Mini Forum which could help the situation....

Matt B has made a start on his Micra engine transplant, but unfortunately the weather, studies and time commitments has limited its progress.

Clive had admitted to a bit of work on Cyril, his K series project, but was more pleased about receiving some insurance money for his Peugeot 205, which disappointingly the insurance company had decided to write off. He has since bought a Golf Convertible (a hair dressers car – Clappy) ready for summer that we might eventually get !

Gary has spoke to Langar Karting and has arranged a sport for us. It will be on the last Thursday of May (30<sup>th</sup>) in place of our usual club night. This is the members only Christmas bash for the club, but obviously non-members are welcome to spectate, throw flowers and money..... Gary will need a £10 deposit at the next meeting (25<sup>th</sup> April). The total cost will be £35 (£25 payable on the night). If we manage to get up to 12 attendees then it will be an individual sprint race for the laurels, numbers over 12 and it will be teams of 2 in an endure style team effort.

### **SOCIAL BIT**

**Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup>** : Club Night : Cottesmore cruise : The Gate Hangs Well 7.20pm for

depart @ 7.30pm. Melton posse to meet en-route at Wilton Road car park opposite the burnt out Kettleby Cross @ 19.50pm. Depart @ 8pm

**May Bank Holiday 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>** : Donington Historic Festival. : We have a club stand booked and advanced ticket offers to get a 2 day ticket for £15 (when purchased in pairs). This is an excellent festival that has the best of pre '65 racing across a number of disciplines..... it also included a number or parade laps around the hallowed circuit. This year the even it adding an extra day on the Friday (for qualifying) so a full 2 day race program is possible. See details attached.

**Club Discount tickets MUST be ordered before 19<sup>th</sup> April**

**7<sup>th</sup> July** : Gaydon Mini festival

**27<sup>th</sup> / 28<sup>th</sup> July** : Shelsey Walsh Hill Climb : Mini Cooper register / DEWS series

**11<sup>th</sup> August** : Mini in the Park

**15<sup>th</sup> September** : Stanford Hall Mini Show

## **JERRY'S MOTORSPORT MAYHEM**

Not much to report this month...other than I have sent the Green Cooper into the garage to finish the front cone and shock absorber replacement and a fresh MOT in preparation for the Autosolo season that is rapidly approaching. It would be nice to also have it back on the road for Donington !

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**DONINGTON  
HISTORIC  
FESTIVAL**

**FRI 3<sup>RD</sup> SAT 4<sup>TH</sup>  
SUN 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2013**

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## CAR CLUB BRIEFING DOCUMENT

Club name: Wreake Mini Wanderers

Club code:WMWDHF13

Many thanks for registering! I look forward to working with you over the coming months to make the 2013 Donington Historic Festival a fantastic event for your members.

This document contains everything you need to know to be able to start promoting the Festival to your members, and hopefully will also enable you to answer many of their queries. Please go through it carefully, and don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

I'll also be issuing regular Car Club News Updates by email to all registered clubs, so please keep an eye out for them. These will cover things like provisional and final timetables (when issued), access times for setting up, links to site maps, arrangements for car club parades, etc. They will also include news stories about the race series/special attractions etc. as they are confirmed.

And at the event in 2013 I won't be confined to the Media Office (as regular attendees might remember) - instead I'll be out and about in the infield for much of the weekend, which will give me the chance to meet you and to enjoy your club display, but also - more importantly - to help with any queries/issues that arise over the weekend.

Following below :

- Spreading the word – brief Festival description and links to images/logos
- Car club ticket booking deadline – vital!
- How your members book tickets online
- Booking over the phone
- See Tickets' charges
- Ticket despatch
- Infield vehicle passes
- Car club parades

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Donington Historic Festival - Donington Park, May 3rd, 4th and 5th 2013.

Donington Park has seen many unforgettable racing moments over the decades and, for 2013, the Festival is celebrating two particularly iconic ones; the 30th anniversary of the first time the late, great Ayrton Senna got behind the wheel of an F1 car, and the 20th anniversary of his extraordinary display of mastery over the rain in the 1993 European Grand Prix. This tribute to Senna, combined with the close-fought and exhilarating competition out on the track – with over 400 historic racing cars, spanning seven decades – looks set to prove a big draw for classic car enthusiasts from across the UK and internationally. This is the first time that the Festival has been held over three days. On each day of the Festival gates open at 07.30am and the circuit activity starts at 9am, finishing at around 6pm on the Friday, 7.30pm on the Saturday and 6pm on the Sunday.

Racing will take place mainly on the Saturday and Sunday, with qualifying taking place mostly on the Friday. The provisional timetable will be announced early in 2013. Members of car clubs registered to attend the event benefit from a two-for-one ticket offer on advance tickets when they quote their unique club code at time of booking (deadline Friday, April 19th), and will receive one infield pass for every pair of tickets they buy, allowing them to join the other cars on display in their club's dedicated infield parking area, to create a fantastic exhibit for all spectators to enjoy. [www.doningtonhistoric.com](http://www.doningtonhistoric.com)

## **BOOKING TICKETS**

Car club ticket deadline

Please note the club ticket booking deadline of midnight on **Friday, April 19th** - it is important that you make your members aware of that, as last year we had lots club people trying to book at the last minute (not from your club!) and they were very disappointed that they had missed the offer.

How your members can buy tickets online

There's a button on the home page of our website that links directly to advanced ticket sales, or if you want to embed a link directly to ticket sales in your own website, the link is:

<http://www.seetickets.com/Event/DONINGTON-HISTORIC-FESTIVAL/Donington-Park/672844>

Your members must enter your club's unique offer code - WMWDHF13- and press the 'use code' button, then the prices on the page will change to your club prices, rather than the full prices originally displayed.

NB, in case you get any queries, please note that car club discounted tickets are offered in multiples of two, and the price shown is the discounted price for one ticket. When they add two tickets to their basket, they will therefore be getting two tickets for the (full) price of one. If they want four tickets for the price of two full-priced ones, they must click '4!' We did have one or two people last year who got a little confused and consequently only bought half the amount of tickets they needed...

Up to 50 tickets can be bought together in one transaction online, larger quantities must be bought via the phone hotline. Children aged 15 and under (accompanied by an adult) get in for free. And each ticket gives two-for-one entry to the Donington [Grand Prix Collection](#) over the weekend and for the following two months.

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### Buying tickets over the phone

Our ticket hotline number is: 0844 873 7355 (use the WMWDHF13 code for discount)

See Tickets' charges

Please note that See Tickets, the booking agency, levies the following additional charges on top of our ticket prices - a booking fee per ticket to cover their admin costs, plus a transaction fee on the total order. Booking fees are:

Ticket type	Booking Fee
£12 Friday ticket	60p
£20 Saturday or Sunday ticket	£1
£36 3-day weekend ticket	£1.80

So two Friday tickets bought using a car club two-for-one offer code will incur a 60p total booking fee and therefore cost £12.60 (i.e. £6.30 per person) plus the transaction fee. The transaction fee is a one-off post and packaging cost for the total order, and that is the same whether a member is buying one pair of tickets or 25 pairs of tickets. The transaction fee is £1.95 per order for first class post and £6.50 for registered post. So the total cost for those two Friday tickets bought using a car club code and sent first class post will be £14.55.

Your members will be able to choose their preferred method of postage at the checkout.

### Ticket Despatch

See Tickets usually start sending tickets out about three weeks before the event.

### Infield parking passes

See Tickets will automatically issue one infield parking pass (for 'club appropriate' vehicles) for every pair of club tickets purchased. I appreciate that some of your members will need further passes, as not everyone is buying a pair of tickets to cover a driver and passenger. If further infield passes are needed, the club member will need to email me: [karen@doningtonhistoric.com](mailto:karen@doningtonhistoric.com).

Club officials in non-display vehicles, and anyone else needing to gain access to set up the stands etc. will also be issued with vehicle passes, though we do ask that you then take the non-display vehicles out of the infield area, unless they are performing a vital role such as supporting an awning or acting as your club office on site. More details will follow nearer the time.

### CAR CLUB PARADES

These are always hugely popular with the car club members and, as those of you who have attended before will know, we are restricted on numbers and it can become a little hectic as our team tries to track down all the parade cars in time. For 2013 we will be confirming numbers of parade cars per club in advance and producing special parade car passes, making it easy for our team on the ground to identify the parade cars. We will be liaising with each club to make sure that the passes are issued to the correct cars before the event. Full details will follow in due course

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## Rally cars head to Donington Historic Festival

Rallying with Group B and the Historic Rally Car Register (HRCR) are joining forces to stage spectacular live demonstrations at this year's Donington Historic Festival (May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>), bringing added excitement to an already action-packed weekend.

Throughout the Festival Donington Park's Melbourne Loop will see the legendary Group B rally machines in action; a powerful reminder of the 1980s, when Donington Park was a RAC Rally stage and Group B cars dominated the world of international rallying. The Melbourne Loop will also see stage and road rally cars from the HRCR – including, it is hoped, several iconic ex-works cars from the 1950s and 60s - tackle a mini stage-type course and autotest, showing just how nimble they can be, and demonstrating why historic rallying has become such a popular sport.

With its live action demonstrations, Rallying with Group B recreates the glory days of a short but significant era from rallying history. Introduced in 1982, Group B regulations resulted in outrageously fast performances from cars such as the Audi quattro, MG Metro 6R4, Ford RS200, Lancia 037, Porsche 911 RSR and Peugeot 205 T16. Lightweight composite panels, four-wheel drive systems, complex turbo and supercharging combined to produce cars which, with in excess of 600bhp at their command, could out-accelerate Formula One cars of the period on gravel. However, in 1987, following a number of high-profile accidents and prominent driver deaths, Group B was banned, with enthusiasts' only chance to see the cars in action now restricted to demonstration events.

The Historic Rally Car Register celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary at the Festival. Initially founded to preserve genuine ex-works rally cars, the overwhelming response to its first-ever rally in 1983 marked the foundation of the international historic rallying movement. HRCR members are providing a wide selection of historic rally cars to represent a full cross-section of all aspects of historic rallying at the Festival. This will include Mini Coopers - made famous when HRCR President Paddy Hopkirk took one to victory on the 1964 Monte Carlo Rally – and Sunbeam Tigers, linked with the Alpine Rallies of the mid 1960s. MGs and Austin Healeys will also take part, together with cars representing the long-distance events of the 1970s such as the Triumph 2000 and Austin 1800, plus Mk1 and 2 Ford Escorts, which now achieve major successes within the British Historic Rally Championship.

And, of course, with the Festival's open paddock, spectators will be able to get a really good look at all the rally cars as well as the more than 400 historic racing cars, spanning seven decades, which are due to compete at the event.

Donington Historic Festival organiser Duncan Wiltshire said, "We are thrilled that the two clubs are staging what promises to be an unforgettable spectacle for Festival visitors, to compliment the fantastic historic racing.

"The sight and sound of the Group B cars taking to the tarmac, all spitting flames and whining turbos will be enormously exciting, while the HRCR displays will show spectators that the cars many of us remember from the roads of our youth are capable of considerably more than a trip up the motorway. I suspect more than a few of our visitors will go away vowing to give historic rallying a go for themselves!"