

BLOG 30th April 2009 : Written by Jerry Filor

Thanks to Jon for last months Blog, and also for an interesting run out to Woolsthorpe under Belvoir, via Scaford, Eastwell etc. Some interesting corners and bumpy bits thrown in for good measure ! A nice convoy (of 7 cars) and thankfully home in the dark via Denton, Croxton Kerrial and Waltham on the main road.



Good to meet Peter and Callum for the first time as new members and to find out we had both been at Rockingham on April 19th and enjoyed the parade laps around the oval circuit. It was a pity there wasn't any "proper mini" racing on Sunday, not even non-championship laps.....Only the "marvelous" BMW mini challenge stuff.

Impressive facilities at Rockingham means you can see all of the circuit from the main Grandstand or any of the others, however the in-field section is a bit "go kart" which I would have thought would have suited the classic mini 7's and Miglia's. Peter said that they only hold about 5 race meetings a year at Rockingham, where as when it was first opened it was in regular use. Apparently there is more money to be made from Lorry storage ! I, however am so old that I can remember when the steel works at Corby was first closed and it was going to be a War of the Worlds and Nursery rhyme theme park !

Jon is going to the Goodwood Revival in September (18th – 20th), part of which will be a Trophy race (the St Mary's Trophy) where the grid will comprise of 30 pre '66 Mini Coopers and variants such as Elf's and Hornets.



Long discussions about the new website where Simon has put a lot of work into it, and it shows...very good format, looks really sharp !

Just one little thing.....my e-mail address is correct apart from the j, which is missing off the front, it should read jfilor@talktalk.net

I have had my mini's interim service and associated repairs done by Gary and his students at Brooksby College, Melton. The only hiccup was Parkers supplying me with the wrong parts which delayed the repair work slightly. It appears that replacement ball joints are classed as repair kits in their catalogue !

I still have a split in the flexible exhaust section, but I hope Neil might have a bit he doesn't need which I can have.....

Oliver told us a bit more about his ongoing mini project. The motive power is a 1400cc "K" series engine for which he has created a custom subframe. The exhaust manifold needs some serious work as the exhaust comes out of the front of the engine (unlike an A series) which means the exhaust will be running underneath the engine. He has allowed for this in the design of the subframe !

The donor car was actually a Rover 400 and not the expected later Metro.



Anyone wishing to go to the IMM 2009 (7th – 9th August inclusive) needs to apply by the end of May. See me for applications.

Could Simon and Jeanette have final numbers for their forthcoming wedding 22nd August as soon as possible

And now for the very first “classifieds section !”

Simon is open to offers for his Mini Van, it's been a labour of love for 7 years, but with the impending wedding it is time for it to go..... See Simon for the details.

I was approached by a friend recently, the fact I was in my mini must have jogged his memory.....His elderly neighbour has a 20 year old mini 1000 which, apart from the fact it has just failed it's MOT (wanting some welding) is in good condition for it's year. If anyone is interested, I don't have any further information but you can ring Clifford Jeffcote on Melton 01664 857 409 and he could probably find out more for you.....

I have also been having a clear out of my garden, garage and attic and have the following items on offer :

- One, 1989 Austin Mini Rose special edition 1000cc. It has a good interior, minilites or steel wheels (or both if you want them). Good tires but poor bodywork. It has been SORN'ed for about 3 years so is sold with no MOT or Tax.

- One 13inch Astrali Dished leather bound steering wheel. It has 3 holed spokes and the associated boss. I am looking for £10 -15 ono.
- Two brand new 4" Angel Eye chrome spot lamps. Ideal for Hummer or Mack truck as they are quite deep, but I have seen pictures of them mounted on mini's - £15 the pair ono.
- One Genuine Rover Walnut dash. It has 3 main dial holes with one 52mm auxiliary which I think was for a clock (I have one that came with it....). Below the clock hole is a radio slot and to the left is the enclosed glove box with spring latch opening. It also has included the directional eyeball air vents. £ 50 – 60 ono.

If you are interested in any of my wares, give me ring on 01664 566614 or email jfilor@talktalk.net

And last, but not least...the Social Bit

Next Meeting 28th May : Normanton on Soar. Meeting at the Midland 7.30pm for 7.45 departure.....

Belvoir Club Night Runners.....

