

## BLOG January 2011 : Written by Jerry Filor

The gate hangs well seems to have passed the test of our new venue. No karaoke (the highlight seems to be a quiz Wednesday nights), plenty of room to sit down and all the usual accoutrements of a pub – Beer and people to serve it !



It was still a bit bizarre for two reasons, firstly Simon Snow took out his phone and proceeded to drink it, then later on in the evening Clive developed a desire to take all out empty glasses back. It must have been something in the water !

Back to the meeting and a few highlights...Pete's clubby is still awaiting a brake part. I think it was a calliper gasket. It has taken about 7 months so-far, surely it would have been easier for Minisport to send him a new calliper as that will have the gasket already in it ☺. Gary's daughter Charlotte has now started her long awaited driving lessons, so Gary has been put under pressure to prepare a suitable mini for her to practice those handbrake turns and other rally inspired moves.....he also has to be available to sit as navigator, or should that be driving instructor !?!?!

Clive has been helping James with the bodywork on his VTEC Clubman project.

James 2 had received his bodyshell back painted and is now in the process of re-discovering all the parts he took off it !

Neil has had success on e-bay, selling a van roof air vent...."rare" of course ;- ) and he hopes to make a second sale by offloading a van roof lining (in a very fetching crushed velvet) very soon...

Gary has recently purchased a 3 phase Centre lathe for his shed (escape space). Once he's re-wired the house to 3 phase and changed all the plugs on the family electrical goods he'll be good to go, turning down brake discs and doing lightened flywheels !

### **BINGLEY HALL - 30<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

And so to Bingley Hall, and what a difference a year makes ! The weather this year was bitterly cold and snowing, this year cold but fine !

This was borne out by the queues of people waiting to get in. People were still queuing at lunch time ! Never before has the advanced ticket price been so worth it (sorry to rub it in Calum).

As I said in the last blog, it is the first and best indoor show of the year, with the top suppliers, lots of good quality autojumble to pick through and some excellent show cars on display (having been hidden for winter).

Also included were the magazines with some of their feature cars on display, including Bogus 2, and some gorgeous



Elfs, Hornets, vans, pick-ups and of course (real) Mini Coopers who were celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year !

# WREAKE

# MINI WANDERERS



The penny has just dropped with the “Tommy Cooper” minis on the balcony.....who says British Comedy is dead !

## **SOCIAL BIT:**

24<sup>th</sup> Feb : Club meeting at The Gate Hangs Well 7.30pm onwards....

When you go to mini events you often get information about other things happening in the scene thrust upon you...this can happen at shopping malls, service stations or other mini shows from my experience !

2 such events to mention, if anyone is interested :

26<sup>th</sup> June : Mad About Mini Show, in aid of Cancer Research UK at Kilton Forest Showground, Blyth Road, Worksop, Notts S81 0TL. Fun for all the mini family !

[www.madaboutminishow.co.uk](http://www.madaboutminishow.co.uk) for further information.

16<sup>th</sup> / 17<sup>th</sup> July : Skeg Mini Fest, mini's music and the east coast in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support at The Welcome Inn, Burgh Road, Skegness, PE25 2LJ. [www.skegminifest.co.uk](http://www.skegminifest.co.uk) for further information.

31<sup>st</sup> July : Crich Mini Day, a lovely setting and one that a number of members attended last year. The letter states CLASSIC mini's only, so all you Bini owners should either sell up and buy a real mini or use your classic for the day.....if we book as a club the first 6 cars get in F.O.C and you also qualify for free entry if

your car is registered pre-1968. Hopefully there will be the opportunity to get on the cavalcade up and down the main street this year as we missed out last year...

Random Bingley shots....also available to view on Jon's flickr page :

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/38287160@N06/sets/72157625941083020/>

