

## BLOG March 2011 : Written by Jerry Filor

**T**wo new minis arrived at the Gate Hangs Well this month, a White Mini Van and a very **P**ink mini ! A big welcome to Matt and Lisa, owners of said minis.....

The White mini van took 4 years to create, thanks to a supportive Dad with a double garage where all the work took place. A set of pictures, not unlike Clive's recent collection of rusty bits, were shown around, albeit with some more distinguishable panels ! The white van is a daily driver, but remains an ongoing project (aren't they all !) and soon Matt will be fitting a Turbo engine, at the second attempt, donated by an MG Metro Turbo.

The very pink mini is owned by Lisa, who's partner (sorry I didn't catch your name.....) is a modified Morris 1000 owner. It turns out that Matt, Lisa's partner and Clive all learned their craft at a local Morris 1000 restorer.

**C**hris is still getting his head around the enormity of his coming trip to visit the 2011 IMM in Switzerland. The 15 hour drive....Will the car be up to it ???? will his ears and back make the distance are all questions currently unanswered..... he's even thinking about making a slight (probably a couple of hundred miles) detour via Le Mans, where the Le Mans classic is taking part the very same weekend ! Just think, a mix of Minis, Ford GT 40's and Jaguar D Types all in the same weekend....sounds like Petrol head heaven !

**C**alum's mini is leaking serious amounts of oil at the moment and his back-up Fiesta has unfortunately given up the ghost as well.

Currently MED in Leicester has been commissioned to sort out the block.

**P**ete was tendering for offers on his Clubbie estate as he is fed up with the brake calliper gasket problem and the continual loosening hub nut, it also needs a new rear sub frame fitting to pass the next MOT....

**M**ark had a picture of his sad looking mini with a modified front wing, or should I say smashed front wing, courtesy of hitting a parked car..whoops ! he has already purchased new heritage panels to rebuild the front end and was taking the car into the bodyshop the next day to get it started. He's hoping to have it back for the Donington Historic weekend....which would certainly add a touch of class (with Robin's newly repainted mini) to our club stand ! fingers crossed it's ready.....

At one point during the evening I had to part Clive and Mark, as Mark was upset that Clive had nipped in and fixed my spotlight issues....it was very illuminating ! They needn't worry, with an MOT looming I am sure there will be plenty of jobs to share !

### **WANTED**

Has anyone got a spare cross-head screw that is one of the 4 holding the door lock to the door....I seem to only have 3 in one side !

**WREAKE**

**MINI WANDERERS**

## **SOCIAL BIT:**

28<sup>th</sup> April : Cottesmore Club run : 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



April 30<sup>th</sup> / May 1<sup>st</sup> :  
Donington Historic Festival :  
Historic racing at the re-  
opened circuit. Time and  
rendezvous to be decided at  
next meet.

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.

3<sup>rd</sup> July : Gaydon Mini Festival, club stand possible with upto 12 free entries + 6 "support" vehicle passes. [www.minifestival.co.uk](http://www.minifestival.co.uk)

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. [www.tramway.co.uk](http://www.tramway.co.uk)

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