



CLUB

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I hope you all enjoyed Christmas. Did anyone get anything nice for their Mini? Let us know... Remember we can advertise your old bits for sale right here.

First, some good news to see the New Year in with:

Essex Mini Club have gone on-line! For those of you with internet access, the club now have a web site - <http://www.essexminiclub.freemove.co.uk>. Hopefully this will give us a slightly wider audience, at least that's the theory! Anyone around the world can now look us up electronically, they can "email" us too!! Many thanks to Chris Hill for developing what started as his college project into a full web site on behalf of the club. Spread the word, let people know its out there! Hey, you could even get your Mini on-line – we'll need a favoured photo (which we'll endeavour to return) and a few words of wisdom, and the whole world can share in your enthusiasm for your pride and joy!

Anyone looking at the site in its current form may notice that the "Dog and Partridge" looks a bit different! Rest assured that this picture is a temporary stop gap. It is a real "Dog and Partridge" though!

And now for the not-so-good news: Alex' black Mini Mayfair was vandalised on Christmas eve. She is obviously very upset about this, and I think I can say on behalf of all at Essex Mini Club that I hope the dirty #@*%\$! !£\$%^&*#'s get their just desserts

ESSEX MINI CLUB'S CHRISTMAS TREASURE HUNT 1998

Wow, what a turn-out! ...And what cryptic clues! Many thanks to Liz (Kingsford) and Jacky (Reynolds) for all the hours of

preparation which went into this (I'm sure you'll all find time to thank them personally for this), and for sorting out the prizes. And thanks too to John Collins and Mrs Collins for their generous donation of the engraved first place trophy shield. We seem to be starting an annual event here! Anyway, over to Jacky for the scores on the doors...

"So, once again it was time to take those little Mini's and thrash them around the countryside for no real reason apart from it's good fun! We set off from Thurrock Services at around 10:00am. After trying to negotiate the quickest way out of the Lakeside traffic, we made our way to Brentwood where the Treasure Hunt was to start with the first clue. Meanwhile, Liz and myself went home for coffee... in the warm!

A few hours later, and many more clues later for the Treasure Hunters, Liz and I made our way to the pub! Here we awaited the arrival of the Minis, who, in the intervening time, had been driving sedately(!) around the country lanes, through Chipping Ongar up to Sawbridgeworth, Bishops Stortford and back down to Epping. Some time later, and suffering now from the cold of that day, the teams arrived at the pub to find Liz and I sitting by the open log fire, toasting our feet. Hmmm, lovely!

The first to arrive were Darren and Jonathan – some would cry 'fix!'...

The places were decided on points awarded for correct answers to clues, with mileage having been recorded for the purposes of deciding the winner should a tie occur on points. After all the answers were marked, and distances travelled calculated, the final results were announced. I must make it clear at this point that I had perhaps, maybe, drunk a few too many, and it is just possible that the adding up of the scores may have not been a little

out... in any case Darren had already said to me that if he and Jonathan won they would forfeit their prize...

The Results:

1st – Sue Oakley and Jackie Chapman in Sue's 'I'm not showing off my new amaranth Mini 1.3 Sports Pack, honest...'

2nd – Wez and Chloe in Chloe's British racing green Mini Cooper

3rd – Dave and Andy Benson, in Sue Oakley's *other* Mini! (My guess is that this Mini will now be subject to the Dave Benson modification bug – Ed.)

I think a good day was had by all. I must thank Janet Collins for again donating the Essex Mini Club Christmas Treasure Hunt 1998 trophy for first place.

Jacky."

MEMBERSHIP LISTS & "STAR CAR" DETAILS

Please contact Liz if you have not filled in a membership form – we are trying to collate a more formal membership list to make it easier to contact people, for events, adverts, etc...

FOR SALE

Mini Ritz

C-reg 1000cc manual. Alloys, stereo, MoT. Great runner, good condition.

£350

Mini Cooper Monte-Carlo limited edition

Tel.: Matt 0802 632212 anytime

A+ gearbox	£30
4 x Sealed beam headlamps	£5 each
2 x offside rear lights	£5 each
Centre speedo assembly, complete	£10
Steering column indicator/horn stalks	£5
1 std 10" wheel & v. good tyre	£6
HS4 carb.	£5
Std exhaust, nearly new	£5
1275 Ultimate engine steady	£12
Boot lock & key	£4
Coming soon:	
MG Metro Turbo block & pistons	£40

1¾" HIF carb.	£10
MG Metro inlet manifold	£7
1275 Top radiator bracket/Hose (4 months old)	£5
Big bore A+ primary gear	£3
Plus loads more...	

Tel.: John Collins (01268) 776990

Mk1 petrol tank, 5½ gal. - <u>bolt-in</u> sender	£4
Five 6" x 10" Italian alloy wheels	£offers?
Pair grey bumper bars, 1 new	£15
Grey roof gutter trim	£2
New BL left-half Clubman front valence - ideal repair panel	£5
Clubman bonnet	£10
Alternators	£5
Starter motors	£5
Matt black, round front, slatted grill	£4
Grey, round front, painted grill	£5
All the above are O.N.O. - no reasonable offer refused.	

Tel.: Jonathan (01375) 676798

4 x Dunlop Denovo wheels, trims & good tyres	£75
Wooden dash centre oval style with two glove boxes	£20
Leather Mountney steering wheel	£10
2 BRAND NEW front seats, fixed rake, green vinyl - ideal for restoration project	£50

Tel.: (01277) 230026

WANTED

One 5 x 12" Minilight in silver (see my 25) - must be in good condition; MG Metro door pockets with speaker holes, in black plastic please.

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* Mini Clubman inner wings - *must be British Leyland / Rover - cash waiting* *

+ all early 1275GT (pre-'74 Mk1) bits. Will consider any good condition GT bits, especially Clubman chrome bumpers, ochre colour GT seats, interior trim and carpets, old remote control gearbox bits. Also - early 1½" carburettors (external idle speed adjustment, fixed needle, no wax-stat), all GT brake servo bits, Rostyle wheel centre caps, etc....

Also, info on BL's 1275 GT'S' Sport Performance Kit, part No. C-AJJ 4082

Any freebies for my '78 Mini thou (I can live in hope can't I?)...

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