



CLUB

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MINI 40 - SILVERSTONE

By Jonathan Slater

What can I say?

We were there. The fine weather held. The show was fantastic. And there were lots of Minis! And WOW – what Minis! Big ones. Small ones. Fast ones. Multicoloured ones. Customised. Engine transplants. Chrome bits. Shiny bits. Trade stands. Fox FM. Russ Swift's stunt team. The GT car races. The single-seater formula races. Racing Minis. Rally Minis. Prototype Minis. More shiny bits. And... the NEW Mini! Did you vote? I did.

Oh, and more barbecue food than we could eat – I never want to see another burger again!

Fabulous! Thank you Rover (or is that BMW?)

Your membership fees are now due! Please pick up a renewal form from Liz or Jacky, or, if you've got access to the internet, download it from Essex Mini Club's website (address as above). £10 single, £15 joint, under-17's free.

LITTLEPORT VILLAGE SHOW CAMBRIDGESHIRE – 24TH JULY, 1999.

By John Collins

You don't need me to tell you that 1999 will be a busy year for Mini shows; even so I'm always on the look out for somewhere new to go. Recently I accepted an invitation from the Saffron Walden & Cambridge Mini Club to display my Mini 25 on their

club stand at their local show. I've become very involved with the club recently; maybe we can invite them to some of our events.

Just outside Ely, the show was a refreshing change from what I normally go to, and as it was themed on old battles, entire armies in historic uniforms were marching everywhere. Alongside, another field was devoted to classic cars, bikes and the Minis. The 25 had a beautiful 998cc Cooper for company, and even a cut-down, stripped-out, road-legal(!) auto-testing car. Next door, the Anglian Mini Club proudly displayed a red Mini 40. Stunning!

Amid the sound of cannon fire, the weather grew ever warmer. Best stay under the gazebo! Come the afternoon the soldiers had finished re-fighting the Civil War so all the vehicles were given a parade lap – bikes first, then the Minis. Club chairperson Madeline handed me the keys to her Clubman Estate and asked me to take it round the arena as she'd be manning the club stand. There was a short-lived panic when I saw the car was an automatic – I've never driven one!

I had a crash course in driving it and followed the others round the show arena. As each car left the driver was given a bottle of wine. Having coped well with the auto' I then reversed it over a flagpole! Somebody then suggested I take the 25 round the arena, which I did, collecting a second bottle of plonk on the way out...

The day ended with an evening barbecue which finally wound up at 1am the following morning.

All in all an enjoyable weekend, and what's more, it's the kind of event I'd recommend to families with children – there is much going on while Dad hangs about talking Minis!

THE MINI YEAR AHEAD

Contact Jacky Reynolds (Tel. 01375 676798) or Sam Swaisland (Tel. 01708 448219), Essex Mini Club's new Events Co-ordinators, for further details of these, or any other Mini events you'd like to see the Club attend

18 Sept	Miniworld Action Day, Castle Combe Circuit, nr Chippenham, Wilts., contact: 01249 782417, fax 01249 782392
3 Oct	40 th Mini Anniversary, Heritage Motor Centre, Gaydon, Warwickshire. Contact BMIHT on 01926 641188
20-31 Oct	Italian Job 1999 (provisional dates). Tel: 01273 418100

FOR SALE

1991 J-reg black Mini Cooper, carb. model. Excellent condition, full service history, new MoT, spotlamps, sumpguard, Play Mini exhaust, stereo, alloys + new tyres.

Make me an offer

Tel.: Matt Morris 0802 632212 anytime

Mini rolling shell.

ERA Turbo body kit (genuine). Cooper interior, Cooper brakes and suspension. Prepared engine, needs crank. Need space, hence £200

Tel.: Peter (01375) 381804 / 0780 1568514

T-reg Mini.

Black. Good starter. Lady owner. Full tank of petrol! Recently out of tax and MoT, hence only £50.

Tel.: Paul Harman (01255) 820215

Mini Cooper S 7½" brake disc conversion kit (part No. C-AJJ4028, cost £420+VAT new). Includes all parts and is ready to fit. Comes with brand new braided hoses.....

£250

5" x 10" GB Minilites. Good condition with worn Yokohama A008 tyres.

£70

Tax exempt Mini. Phone for details.

£175

Some other spares available!

Tel.: Chris, after 7pm only, (01702) 544968

Mk1 petrol tank, 5½ gal. - bolt-in sender £4

Grey roof gutter trim £2

New BL left-half Clubman front valence – £5

ideal repair panel

Clubman bonnet £10

Alternators £5

Starter motors £5

Matt black, round front, slatted grill £4

All the above are O.N.O. - no reasonable offer refused.

Tel.: Jonathan (01375) 676798

4 x Mini Special (10") alloy wheels with very good Yokohama A0008

(165/70R10) tyres + steel spare. £100

Tel.: Alison 01702 557773

or Keith 01255 674089

also Mini 1000 engine and pair of Mk3 doors for sale on behalf of third party – Tel. Alison as above 01702 557773

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, £50

green vinyl - ideal for restoration project

Tel.: Matt Morris 0802 632212 / (01277) 230026

WANTED

Clubman front bumper and Clubman front indicator/sidelight units. 2 x 145 70 12 tyres, with or without wheels.

Contact Madeline, via

John Collins, Tel: (01268) 776990

All early 1275GT (pre-'74 Mk1) bits... will consider any good condition GT bits, especially Clubman chrome bumpers, ochre colour trim, 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, detailed info on BL's 1275 GT'S' "Pluspac" Sport Performance Kit, part No. C-AJJ 4082

Tel.: Jonathan (01375) 676798

Minis wanted:

- Good Mini Pickup – any age. Tel.: Matt Morris 0802 632212 anytime
- Up to about £1500. Good bodywork essential. Contact Paul Dear via Jonathan (01375) 676798.
- Mini wanted. Contact Steve ("Ginga") via Chris Hill (01375) 403029.