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**PREVIEW: ROUNDS 7&8 DONINGTON PARK**

**JUNE 18-19, 2016**

WORDS: Richard Williamson

*In recent poll of members, Donington was voted the favourite venue to go racing, so expect the usual exciting action as the Mini Seven Racing Club celebrates its 50th Anniversary*

### MINI SE7EN + S-CLASS

Despite not quite making the podium last time out, young Welsh hotshoe Ashley Davies still holds a healthy 18-point advantage over his nearest rivals, having

already taken four victories earlier this season. Three weeks ago at Combe, Davies had an engine failure in qualifying which left him starting at the back of the grid for both races, but a pair of tigering

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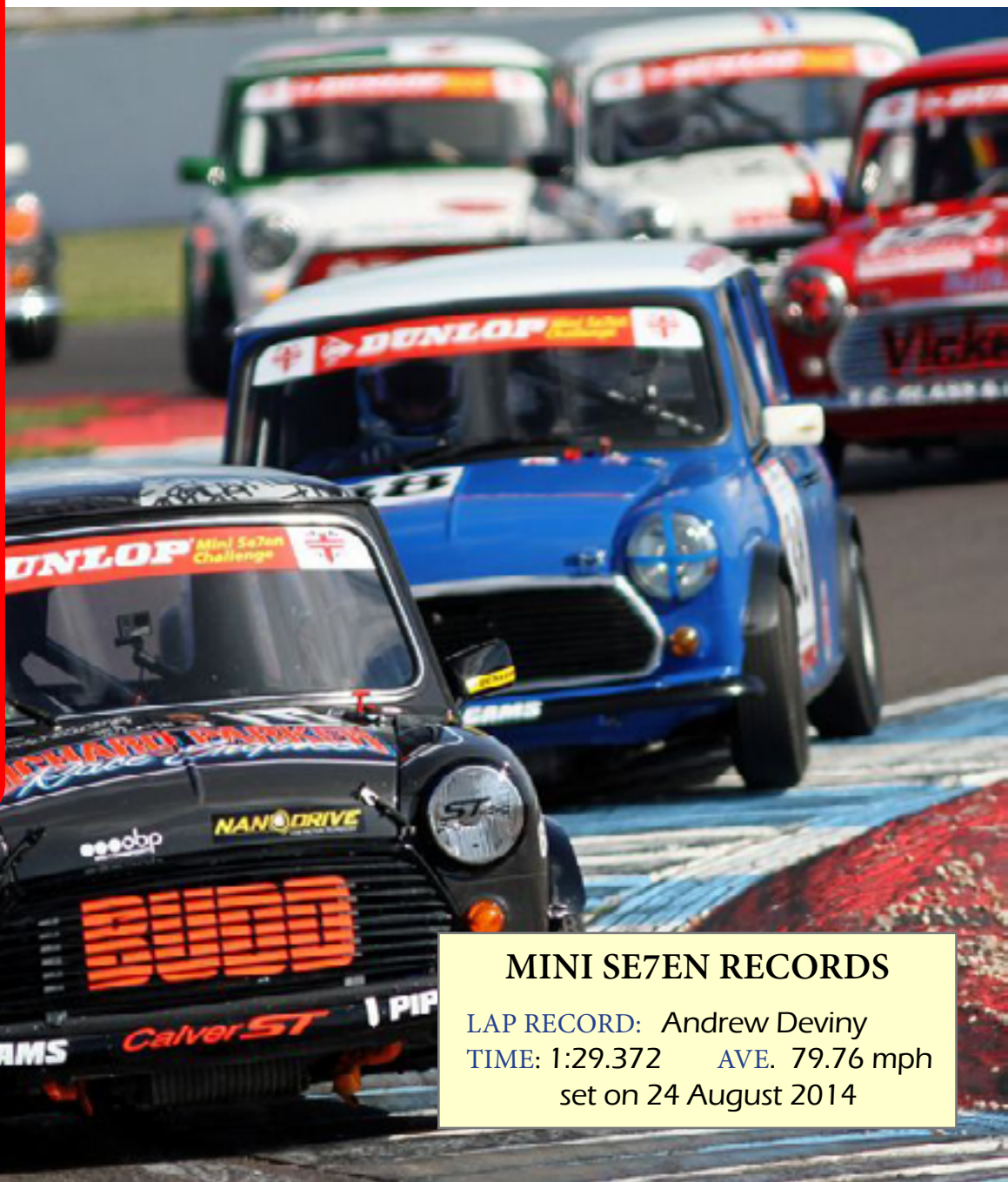
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drives up the order helped maintain his series lead.

Bedfordshire's Max Hunter scored two wins in Wiltshire to move into second overall, with Andrew Deviny and Charlie Budd next up on points, Deviny also forced to start from the last row, while Budd suffered mechanical woes in the races having qualified on pole position for the opener. Excellent front-running drives came from Lewis Selby with a second and third, likewise Spencer

Wanstall and Kieren McDonald who also made a podium apiece, while Josh Collins scored a brace of S-Class wins to extend his category lead, but lies 4 points adrift of Leon Oli Window in the Novices standings.

There should be a healthy entry for the smaller capacity cars, and also plenty of close battles around the East Midlands circuit – as we have come to expect!



## MINI SE7EN RECORDS

LAP RECORD: Andrew Deviny  
TIME: 1:29.372 AVE. 79.76 mph  
set on 24 August 2014



## MINI MIGLIA RECORDS

LAP RECORD: Richard Casey

TIME: 1:22.068 AVE. 86.81 mph  
set on 22 April 2012

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### MINI MIGLIA (+ MINI INVITATION)

**Rev** elation of 2016 has been Mini newcomer Shayne Deegan in the successful Peter Baldwin-tended car, the Cambridgeshire driver having racked up five wins from six races to lie 2 points clear of Kent-based Aaron Smith. Previously a title winner in a Stock Hatch Saxo, Deegan's pace last time out at Combe left his rivals trailing, and he also lowered the Miglia lap record by well over a second!

Behind Smith on points is Dan Wheeler whose best result is a third, while in fourth overall reigning champ' Kane Astin's best

of three second places have been tempered with a blown engine in the last round. Former multi-Mini champion Bill Sollis won round 4 on the full Brands GP layout in April (his home circuit) but was absent at Combe so sits further down the table than might be expected. Others to look out for near the front are Sam Summerhayes, 2015 champion Ruper Deeth, Colin Peacock and James Coulson.

Like the Se7ens the Miglia entry should be a strong one, and all eyes will be on a seriously competitive pack chasing down the series leader's tally – should be a corker!

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## Race Report

Round 1

Castle Combe

May 29, 2016



## MAX-IMUM ASSAULT BY HUNTER

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### MINI SE7EN: RACE 1

*In the 1-0-litre category, the battle for the lead was somewhat closer than in the bigger-engined category, and Saturday's scheduled 20 minute dash produced 18 laps of ding-dong action among several cars. However, it was Max Hunter who emerged from the leading pack to snatch a 0.694s victory from Lewis Selby, with Spencer Wanstall third and, along with Hunter, a good result for both after their unfortunate Cadwell damage.*

Having missed Cadwell, Kieren McDonald had a terrific run to fourth, including fastest lap, while pre-race favourite Ashley Davies stormed up to fifth from the penultimate row after breaking a crank early in

qualifying. Similarly, Andrew Deviny climbed from the back row to eighth, his practice curtailed after collecting a spinning Tina Cooper at Quarry.

Finishing in between Davies and Deviny were Steve Trench, a welcome result after a few mechanical woes, and Leon Wightman who, as he had done so at Cadwell, was running his car as an Invitation. In ninth place seasoned campaigner Graeme Davis showed a pair of newcomers the way home, Dom Burger and Tom Sanderson both running well in their first season of Se7ens, a little way ahead of Leon Oli Window. Another four-car battle kept up the

entertainment, Julian Proctor 13th on the road ahead of Ian Briscall, Josh Collins and Steven Hopper, Collins taking S-Class honours ahead of the lapped Justin Cooper. On the DNF list were Tina Cooper, Robert Pearson, James Bull and Charlie Budd, the latter having set an impressive pole position but then suffering engine problems thereafter.

### MINI SE7EN ROUND 1 RESULT

- 1 Max Hunter
- 2 Lewis Selby
- 3 Mark Wanstall
- 4 Keiron McDonald
- 5 Ashley Davies



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## DEEGAN HANGS THEM OUT TO DRY

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### MINI MIGLIA: RACE 1

*After the original 28th March meeting for rounds 1 & 2 was rained off, the re-scheduled event on 29/30 May Bank Holiday weekend was thankfully a drier affair, and although the entry had shrunk slightly from 2 months previous, there was still a competitive line-up.*

On Sunday afternoon, Deegan proved dominant in the slick-shod 1.3-litre

category, leading from pole position to finish an amazing 19+ secs clear of the rest after 15 laps and breaking the lap record into the bargain. Kane Astin led the forlorn chased ahead of Aaron Smith in third, with Dan Wheeler, James Coulson, Sam Summerhayes and Rupert Deeth all within a second of a podium finish. Colin Peacock, Michael Green and Gary Warburton rounded out the top 10, with Bob Humphreys a lap down, and

Jim Burrows two laps down in his S-Class version. The unlucky one not to finish was Dave Drew who didn't complete a lap.

### MINI MIGLIA ROUND 1 RESULT

- 1 Shayne Deegan
- 2 Kane Astin
- 3 Aaron Smith
- 4 Dan Wheeler
- 5 James Coulson



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## Race Report

Round 2  
Castle Combe  
May 30, 2016



## MAX MAKES IT MATTER

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### MINI SE7EN: RACE 2

**A** right Monday afternoon again saw a terrific scrap for top spot, but once again Hunter found the knack of being in front when it mattered, this time by just 0.856s over a reduced 11 lap distance and also setting the fastest lap.

However, putting in his best performance yet in the category was McDonald who not only started from pole but bettered his weekend with a second place finish, just edging out Selby who went away with a decent helping of points too. In fourth, Davies produced another champion-in-the-making charge from the back up to fourth, just ahead

of Wanstall, and maintained his series lead by a healthy 18 points. Completing the top six was Deviny, also repeating his climb through the field but this time relegating Trench and Wightman back a place apiece. In ninth, Window was the best of the Novices this time after a good duel with Sanderson, while in 10th Collins took a double S-Class victory after Cooper and Bull dropped out. Completing the finishers were Proctor, Hopper, Burger and Briscall in a close four-car group, with Budd once again hampered by engine gremlins at the tail. Davis and Pearson were the other pair on the DNF list and Tina Cooper failed to start.



### MINI SE7EN ROUND 2 RESULT

- 1 Max Hunter
- 2 Kieron McDonald
- 3 Lewis Selby
- 4 Ashley Davies
- 5 Spencer Wanstall
- 6 Andrew Deviny

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## DEEGAN SMASHES ANOTHER LAP RECORD WITH WIN

### MINI MIGLIA: RACE 2

*Monday's*  
**Mon** overcast but dry  
race proved a lot closer, Deegan's winning margin down to just over 3 secs from Deeth, although on this occasion the result was taken at 7 laps after the first part was red-flagged. That was still enough laps however for the race winner to further lower the lap record to a scintillating 1:16.466.

The cause of the red-flag had been a hefty accident at Tower for Drew, rebounding off the tyrewall back onto the track. However, this incident then took a bizarre twist when one of the safety trucks pulled sharply onto the circuit giving Humphreys

and Burrows no chance of avoiding a collision with each other, the latter unable to take the restart along with the shaken Drew due to damage incurred. Astin also failed to finish after his engine let go on lap 5 when leading the chase of the runaway Deegan. A little distance behind the lead pairing and completing the podium therefore was Wheeler, heading a four-car train of Coulson, Smith and

Summerhayes, then Peacock, Warburton, Green and the patched up Humphreys completing the runners.



### MINI MIGLIA ROUND 2 RESULT

- 1 Shayne Deegan
- 2 Rupert Deeth
- 3 Dan Wheeler
- 4 James Coulson
- 5 Aaron Smith



**PROVISIONAL POINTS after 6 scoring rounds**



**2016 DUNLOP MINI SE7EN CHALLENGE supported by MINI SPARES**

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**PROVISIONAL POINTS after 6 scoring rounds**



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Pos	#	Driver	x*	x*	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		Total
																					Best 13	
1	50	Shayne DEEGAN	ns	ns	20	20	20	1	20	20											101	
2	21	Aaron SMITH	ns	ns	18	16	17	17	19	12											99	
3	88	Dan WHEELER	ns	ns	17	18	14	15	15	13											92	
4	1	Kane ASTIN	ns	ns	19	1	19	18	11	19											87	
5	85	Sam SUMMERHAYES	ns	ns	15	15	7	13	17	17											84	
6	23	Rupert DEETH	ns	ns	14	19	18	19	1	11											82	
7	83	Colin PEACOCK	ns	ns	13	14	15	16	16	8											82	
8	80	Bill SOLLIS	ns	ns			16	20	18	18											72	
9	47	James COULSON	ns	ns	16	17	12	1	1	10											57	
10	49	Gary WARBURTON	ns	ns	11	13	1	8	13	7											53	
11	20	Mark SIMS					8	10	14	9											41	
12	69	Tony LE MAY					11	12	1	16											40	
13	28	Bob HUMPHREYS	ns	ns	10	11	6	9													36	
14	72	Rob HOWARD	ns	ns			13	1	1	15											30	
15	797	Jim BURROWS			9	1	w	w	12	6											28	
16	55	Michael GREEN	ns	ns	12	12	w	w													24	
17	77	Tristen KNIGHT					9	14													23	
18	13	Phil HARVEY					10	11													21	
19	29	Dave DREW	ns	ns	1	1	w	w	1	14											17	
20	53	Niven BURGE					1	0													1	
		Invitation																				
nc	122	David USHER	ns	ns			[1]	[0]													-	
nc	113	Phil HARVEY	ns	ns																	-	
nc	241	Damon ASTIN					w	w													-	
		Mini-7 Classic																				
-	-	-	-	-																	-	
		Entered	17	17			22	22	15	15												
		Practiced	0	0	13	13	18	18	15	15												
		Started	0	0	13	13	18	16	15	10												
		Finished	0	0	12	10	15	13	15	15												



x	Castle Combe	28 March	FL: n/a	Pole: n/a	Spax Improver: n/a
x	Castle Combe	28 March	FL: n/a	Pole: n/a	Spax Improver: n/a
1	Castle Combe	29-30 May	FL: S Deegan	Pole: S Deegan	Spax Improver: G Warburton (+4)
2	Castle Combe	29-30 May	FL: S Deegan [rec]	Pole: S Deegan	Spax Improver: A Smith (+3)
3	Brands Hatch GP	16-17 April	FL: S Deegan	Pole: S Deegan	Spax Improver: J Coulson (+4)
4	Brands Hatch GP	16-17 April	FL: R Deeth	Pole: S Deegan	Spax Improver: T Le May (+6)
	#47 ran as 7, 69 as 6, 28 as 8, 49 as 91				
5	Cadwell Park	14-15 May	FL: S Deegan	Pole: S Deegan	Spax Improver: A Smith (+7)
6	Cadwell Park	14-15 May	FL: B Sollis (rec)	Pole: S Deegan	Spax Improver: D Drew (+5)

**\* 28 March - Meeting Abandoned/Postponed before qualifying; rescheduled for 29-30 May**

**\* Invitation + Mini-7 Classic not eligible for Challenge points**



## 2016 MINI MIGLIA S-CLASS

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# Photo Gallery

Castle Combe, May 29-30, 2016

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# From the Archives: Donington Park

## 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 years ago

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*A delve into the Mini Se7en Racing Club history books recounts (mostly) past Donington capers...*

Se7en grid  
M7RC Archive (Pitlane)



2006  
10 YEARS  
AGO

Donington's spot on the calendar was held over the 21-22 October weekend, for the 12th and final round of the Dunlop Challenges.

The Mini Se7en title had already been decided by then, Andrew Deviny clinching his first National crown at the previous Rockingham meet. Nonetheless, the runner-up spot was still up for grabs, and Geoff Letts served his intent by setting pole ahead of brother Alan, with Deviny third, Niv Burge fourth and Max Hunter fifth. In a race titled 'Fabulous Fun' in Pitlane annual review, the result was in the

balance for the entire 10 laps, with up to half a dozen leaders at any given point. Although he set fastest lap, Deviny was to spin off near the end after contact, leaving Hunter to get the better of a sideways Paul Thompson to snatch victory and second in the overall standings, the latter dropping to fourth behind the Letts pairing, followed by Ian Deviny from Gareth Hunt. Also among the 24-car field were Kane and Damon Astin, Paul Spark, Graeme Davis, James Coulson, Tristen Knight, Anthony Towey, Malcolm Keat, Paul Clark and Darren Thomas.

Seventeen cars contested the Miglia race, and there was everything to play for in this one, with both Bill Sollis and James Hall going for the title, and Kelly Rogers with a mathematically slim outside chance too. Hall gained an early advantage with pole position in the Baldwin



Steve Whiteley's Miglia cocks a wheel  
M7RC Archive (Pitlane)





# From the Archives: Donington Park 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 years ago

motorsport car, joined on the front row by Andy Hack. After Hack's early challenge ended with a second off, having set fastest lap recovering from his first off, and then Endaf Owens dropping out with gearbox maladies, it came down to a three-way fight between the title rivals. On lap six, Sollis grabbed the race, and championship, lead he was to keep despite

the concerted efforts of Rogers and then Hall to usurp him, the gap just 0.806s and the final margin just 2 points overall after dropped scores – oh, and including the new-for-2006 scheme to award an extra point for entering on time... an administration nightmare! Completing the top six a decade ago were Colin Peacock, Mark Sims and Paul Woodbridge.



Sollis and Hall shake hands after Miglia title decider  
M7RC Archive (Pitlane)

Frank Gillibrand locks a wheel in Se7ens  
M7RC Archive / Ferret Photographics (M Harvey)



1996  
20 YEARS  
AGO

The then titled Unipart-DCM Challenges drew huge entries on the full 2.5-mile GP layout, 10 laps apiece for rounds 5-of-12 held on 21-22 June.

The Se7ens' 40-car entry was whittled down to a maximum 34 starters, led away from pole by champion-to-be Phil Manser. The usual ding-dong battle ensured, with Manser leading up until lap 7 when Rob Selby slipped through at the chicane

and held on to win his first race of the season by just 0.65s. Dave Banwell was within a length in third, himself shadowed over the line by Matt Hayman, Tim Sims (new lap record of 2:06.31) and Dave Percival, with further back Mark Sims 10th and Paul Thompson 16th.

In his Miglia championship-winning season, Stewart Drake had already taken four wins on the trot, but on this occasion

had to settle for third and a new lap record of 1:53.38. Victory however went to polesitter Peter Baldwin, but only after leader Chris Lewis' gearbox packed up on the last lap, dropping him to fifth. Bill Sollis inherited the runner-up spot, with Owen Hall in fourth and Mike Jackson in sixth completing top half dozen. Other familiar names in the 27-car field included Myk Cable, Ian Curley, Bob Humphreys and Phil Harvey.



Lewis ahead of Baldwin and Sollis in Miglias  
M7RC Archive / Ferret Photographics





# From the Archives: Donington Park 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 years ago



1986  
30 YEARS  
AGO

There were two visits to Donington during the Mini Se7en 20th Anniversary season, the first for rounds 5-of-12 in the National Challenges on 14-15 June as support to the Thundersports Trophy, and on the full 2.5-mile GP circuit including the Melbourne Loop.

The 850cc Se7ens were on early Sunday morning, and a superb 10-lap dice between early leader Gary Hall and pole position man Chris Tyrrell was finally decided in favour of Hall who fended off two attempts at a pass on the last lap. Ben Dutson briefly split the pair before settling for third ahead of Steve Mole, Peter

Brown and Alan Jackson, with Graeme Davis and Tina Cooper also among the 19 starters. The race winner also set a new lap record.

Concluding the meeting on late Sunday afternoon were the 1000cc

poleman Chris Tyrrell managed to hold onto his lead throughout, despite a lack of brakes from early on. Steve Mole was his closest challenger until forced to ease off with falling oil pressure, which allowed Gary Hall to close in third having eased past Ben Dutson in fourth. The top three all shared the fastest lap too. The next three to finish are all still around the M7RC paddock today, Bill Sollis taking fifth from Tina Cooper, then top Novice Alan Jackson in seventh out of 18 starters.

Chris Lewis took control of the Miglia race from the start but had Russell Grady closing to within 3.1s at the flag, with Graham Chivers best of the rest ahead of poleman John Davies, Malcolm Harrison and Richard Colburn. Thirteen of the 19 starters finished.

Miglias, and while Russell Grady made the best of his pole start, it was Chris Lewis storming up from the back of the grid who starred, setting a (new) lap record some 1.89s quicker than anyone else could manage on his way to second, just 2.90s shy of Grady after 10 laps. Filling the next places were Gerald Dale, Graham Smith, Peter Calver and John Bailey, with 14 of the 18 starters making the finish.

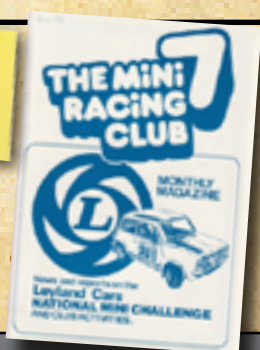
For rounds 8 of the Challenges on 7 September it was back to the shorter 1.96-mile layout, each class again set for 10 laps each.

In the Se7ens race,



1976  
40 YEARS  
AGO

Despite its historic past, Donington didn't return to the UK race calendar until 1977...



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1966  
50 YEARS  
AGO

...thus it would be over a decade before the groundbreaking 850cc Mini category visited the East Midlands venue.

# Know your rival

Mini 7 Racing Club drivers

## MINI SE7EN

2 Darren Thomas  
3 Ashley Davies  
5 Graeme Davis  
7 Kieren McDonald  
9 Spencer Wanstall  
10 Charlie Budd  
17 Ian Briscall  
18 Lewis Selby  
19 Tom Sanderson  
21 Tina Cooper  
24 Andrew Deviny  
27 Leon Oli Window  
28 Dom Burger  
34 Anthony Towey  
37 Gareth Hunt  
38 Steven Hopper  
45 Leon Wightman  
46 Max Hunter  
47 Daniel Budd  
49 Ross Billison  
52 Nathan Burge  
54 Lewis Fox  
60 Malcolm Keat  
63 Dave Robinson  
69 Steve Trench  
71 Simon Jones  
84 Robert Pearson  
95 Julian Proctor

## INVITATION

113 Phil Harvey  
122 David Usher  
241 Damon Astin

## MINI MIGLIA

1 Kane Astin  
13 Phil Harvey  
20 Mark Sims  
21 Aaron Smith  
23 Rupert Deeth  
28 Bob Humphreys  
29 Dave Drew  
47 James Coulson  
49 Gary Warburton  
50 Shayne Deegan  
53 Niven Burge  
55 Michael Green  
69 Tony Le May  
72 Rob Howard  
77 Tristen Knight  
80 Bill Sollis  
83 Colin Peacock  
85 Sam Summerhayes  
88 Dan Wheeler

## MINI SE7EN S CLASS

700 Justin Cooper  
711 Ian Deviny  
723 James Bull  
747 Kevin Edgar  
771 Julian Affleck  
785 Josh Collins  
791 Shaun Tarlton  
792 Kevin O'Shea



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# Roll of Honour

## The Champions

YEAR	MINI SE7EN	MINI MIGLIA	YEAR	MINI SE7EN	MINI MIGLIA
2016	?	?	1986	Chris Tyrell	Russell Grady
2015	Paul Spark	Kane Astin	1985	Russell Grady	Mike Fry
2014	Andrew Deviny	Rupert Deeth	1984	Chris Gould	Mike Fry
2013	Andrew Deviny	Peter Baldwin	1983	Chris Gould	Chris Lewis
2012	Paul Spark	Peter Baldwin	1982	Gerald Dale	Chris Lewis
2011	Paul Spark	Endaf Owens	1981	Gary Hall	Chris Hampshire
2010	Paul Spark	Paul Thompson	1980	Jonathan Lewis	Roland Nix
2009	Kane Astin	Andy Hack	1979	Patrick Watts	Phil Spurling
2008	Paul Thompson	Andy Hack	1978	Steve Hall	Phil Spurling
2007	Max Hunter	Andy Hack	1977	Martin Goodall	Paul Gaymer
2006	Andrew Deviny	Bill Sollis	1976	Graham Wenham	Mike Curnow
2005	Paul Thompson	Peter Baldwin	1975	Graham Wenham	Alan Curnow
2004	James Hall	Peter Baldwin	1974	Chris Tyrell	Russell Dell
2003	Tim Sims	Peter Baldwin	1973	Mick Moss	Phil Spurling
2002	Tim Sims	Chris Lewis	1972	Reg Armstrong	Mick Osborne
2001	Tim Sims	Peter Baldwin	1971	Graham Wenham	Len Brammer
2000	Dave Braggins	Peter Baldwin	1970	Len Brammer	Mick Osborne
1999	Dave Braggins	Ian Curley	1969	Paul Gaymer	
1998	Matt Hayman	Ian Curley	1968	Mick Osborne	
1997	Steve Bell	Bill Sollis	1967	Bob Fox	
1996	Phil Manser	Stewart Drake	1966	Bob Fox	
1995	Mike Jackson	Chris Lewis			
1994	Ian Curley	Chris Lewis			
1993	Tina Cooper	Ian Gunn			
1992	Mike Jackson	Myk Cable			
1991	Bill Sollis	Myk Cable			
1990	Bill Sollis	Owen Hall			
1989	Steve Cooper	Myk Cable			
1988	Malcolm Joyce	Russell Grady			
1987	Chris Tyrell	Russell Grady			

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