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## HAPPY BALANCE

As the 2020 motorsport calendar edges closer to a natural wintry conclusion, the realistic chances of the M7RC being able to secure a new date elsewhere are slim. So, bearing in mind the shorter daylight hours as we head towards November and the continuing uncertainty over COVID-19 restrictions and potentially changing lockdown regions, then the opportunity to squeeze Round 9 back into the championship schedule at such short notice is a remarkable turnaround in fortunes, and should ease uncertainty over drop scores. Whether a 2020 O-Plate Winter Challenge meeting - or meetings - will now happen before the end of the season is looking unlikely, although the optimistic "never say never" should be kept in mind, just in case...

Either way, to have endured the first wave of cancelled 2020 fixtures due to the coronavirus pandemic, and then salvage a revised 11-round National championship from what was originally 15 rounds was an achievement in itself. To be fair, from comments received in certain quarters, the M7RC's enhanced recognition in recent seasons has arguably made it an automatic 'go-to' choice among race organisers for guaranteed packed grids and on-track action, all of whom now have an even greater eye on 'balancing the books' in the current pandemic-affected economic climate.

Partisan views aside, simple arithmetic highlights the M7RC's obvious pulling power for an extra slot at Thruxton this weekend, as the two Combe races washed out on the Sunday three weeks ago collectively amounted to 37 cars, a figure not that far off the 42 limit permitted for saloon cars around Thruxton. Compare that to some other series with barely half that total and it is clear where a promoter might choose to fill its allotted track time to meet not only its own financial targets, but inevitably in these uncertain times for motorsport, the governing body's expectations of maximised outputs too •

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# PREVIEW: NATIONAL ROUNDS 9\*+10+11

# THRUXTON... 24-25 OCTOBER...

**Miglia  
Lap Record**  
**Nick Padmore**  
Time: 1:28.646  
Ave speed: 95.67 mph  
Set: 19 May 2019  
2.356-mile circuit

**Miglia  
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A PACKED TIMETABLE SEES NO LESS THAN FIVE RACES FROM THE M7RC WITH ALL FOUR NATIONAL CHALLENGE TITLES TO BE DECIDED IN WHAT PROMISES TO BE A THRILLING WEEKEND OF ACTION...

## NATIONAL MINI MIGLIA

**R**eigning 2018 & 2019 double-champion Aaron Smith heads the full-race 1293cc standings after Castle Combe, but former double-champ' (2014 & 2017) Rupert Deeth from Cambridgeshire will be piling on the pressure to deny the Kent racer a third straight National

crown. BTCC star Andrew Jordan is entered for his third meeting in Miglias having won on his debut at Brands Hatch in August and last time out at Combe in soaking wet conditions so could put the cat among the pigeons, while look out for one of last year's winners Nick Padmore, plus Kane Astin (2015 champion) and Sam Summerhayes to be on the pace too. Of the rest, Colin Peacock, James Cuthbertson, Scott Kendall and Tony

Le May are capable of high scores, while Mark Sims will hope to have his brand new car out for the first time this season, while newcomer Darren Mason will be aiming for more mileage than his brief 1-lap debut at Combe, and will have fellow Novice Jason Balding as a yardstick •

## NATIONAL MINI LIBRE

**T**he semi-invitational 'Free Formula' continues to see increased numbers in only its fourth season, and cars kitted out with tuning variations on the A-Series engine. Phil Harvey (5-port) currently holds the class title, and Thruxton class lap record, but Rob Davis (5-port) and Dan Lewis (8-port) are the pair in the hunt for the much vaulted Special Tuning Trophy this season. Winner of the inaugural 2017 title, Peter Crewes has entered his 'Britax'-livered 7-port example and will hope to have cured the ignition glitch that prevented him starting the Combe race, while having won a round at Snetterton last month •

## MINI MIGLIA PREVIOUS WINNERS:

2019	C Morgan / N Padmore
2018	D Drew / A Smith
2014	R Deeth / K Astin
2012	P Baldwin / C Peacock
2011	E Owens x2
2010	P Thompson / D Drew
2008	P Baldwin
2007	A Hack
2005	P Baldwin
2003	P Baldwin

## Mini Libre Lap Record

**Phil Harvey**  
Time: 1:29.809  
Ave speed: 94.44 mph  
Set: 19 May 2019  
2.356-mile circuit

## PREVIOUS CLASS WINNERS:

2019	R Davis x2
2018	J Lewis / D Franks ↓



# ...PREVIEW: ...NATIONAL ROUNDS 9\*+10+11

# THRUXTON 24-25 OCTOBER



...BEGINNING AROUND SATURDAY LUNCHTIME WITH THE RE-SCHEDULED ROUND 9 THAT WAS WASHED OUT AT COMBE, THIS ONE A COMBINED GRID, WITH ROUNDS 10 & 11 SEPARATE GRIDS

**Se7en  
Lap Record**  
**Paul Thompson**  
Time: 1:37.933  
Ave speed: 86.60 mph  
Set: 21 August 2005  
2.356-mile circuit

Photos: M7RC Archive (M Barrington + P Waller)

## MINI SE7EN PREVIOUS WINNERS:

2019 D Thomas x2  
2018 T Sanderson / D Thomas  
2014 A Deviny / D Thomas  
2012 P Spark x2  
2011 P Spark x2  
2010 P Spark x2  
2008 P Thompson  
2007 M Hunter  
2005 A Deviny  
2003 A Deviny

## Mini-7 S-Class Lap Record

**James Bull**

Time: 1:38.447

Ave speed: 86.15 mph

Set: 2 June 2018

2.356-mile circuit

## PREVIOUS CLASS WINNERS:

2019 S Kendall x2  
2018 S Kendall / N Croydon-Fowler  
2014 S Tarlton / K O'Shea  
2012 J Burrows x2  
2011 J Affleck x2  
2010 J Affleck x2  
2008 Nathan Burge  
2007 Nathan Burge

## NATIONAL MINI SE7EN

In the 1000cc category, mathematically the title-race looks to be a three-way affair. Reigning champion Jeff Smith - who also brings BTCC experience with him - has won the last three races but still trails Spencer Wanstall in the 2020 series, the latter having been on the podium in all eight races so far this season. Three-time champion Andrew Deviny (2006, 2013 & 2014) completes the trio of contenders, but the provisional 2 dropped scores will no doubt create several extremely tight permutations on final tallies as the races count down from Saturday morning onwards. Meanwhile, there is expected to be a gaggle of cars in their mirrors, especially Joe Thompson who came within a 10s jump start penalty of clinching the 2019 title himself from under Smith's nose. Jo Polley will be hoping to provide teammate back-up to Smith too, but the top three on paper cannot be guaranteed their own exclusive front row seats! •

## NATIONAL MINI-7 S-CLASS

The M7RC's entry-level 1275cc 'Scholarship' class continues to grow in numbers and Connor O'Brien is the one on form with five wins so far. Greg Daw tops the points though, including a win at Brands, while Thorburn Astin has chipped in with a couple of victories

too at Donington and Brands. Class Rep Ben Butler heads the chasing pack, while others to look out for include impressive newcomer Matt Ayres who holds a narrow Novice Challenge lead from Darren Jeremiah, and reigning Under-17 standout, Ben Cutler, the latter's car hopefully fully sorted after its 'off' at Combe's Quarry corner last time out, while Jonnie Kent and Stuart Gilby have been in the podium places before •





## TIMETABLE: Thruxton

**DUNLOP NATIONAL MINI CHALLENGE**

**Rds 9\*+10+11**

# Saturday 24 October

START	FINISH	DURATION	SESSION	CLASS
...	...	pre-event	Signing-on	All
...	...	pre-event	Scrutineering	All
09.00	09.20	20 mins	Qualifying	Se7en + S-Class
09.30	09.50	20 mins	Qualifying	Miglia + Libre
11.30	11.50	20 mins	Race 1 / Rd 9*	All
14.10	14.30	20 mins	Race 4 / Rd 10	Se7en + S-Class
14.45	15.05	20 mins	Race 5 / Rd 10	Miglia + Libre

*\*Rd 9 re-scheduled from postponed race at Castle Combe on 4 October*

# Sunday 25 October

START	FINISH	DURATION	SESSION	CLASS
12.20	12.40	20 mins	Race 9 / Rd 11	Se7en + S-Class
12.55	13.15	20 mins	Race 10 / Rd 11	Miglia + Libre

### BARC RACE MEETING

The British Automobile Racing Club stage two days of pulsating action at its spiritual home this weekend, Thruxton, as several categories bid to tackle the fastest circuit in the UK. Put together post-lockdown to provide an extra date on the calendar, Thruxton will welcome the Distrigo C1 Challenge and the BARC Open Sports & Saloon Series – with the former set to stage an exciting endurance encounter. No strangers to the sweeping curves and high speeds of the Hampshire venue, the Kumho BMW Championship and Mighty Minis Championship will also feature over the course of the weekend as well.

Joining the list of BARC categories will be the much-loved Mini 7 Racing Club...

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### LATEST LATEST LATEST LATEST!

### DUNLOP TYRES AT THRUXTON

As with all of the previous race meetings this season, please could you give plenty of notice on your rubber requirements for the Thruxton race weekend by calling or emailing direct to the appointed Dunlop race tyre supplier:

HP Tyres

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[www.hptyres.com](http://www.hptyres.com)

*\*Please be aware all fitting and collection at the workshop is strictly by appointment only\**

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**\* Please note that this event remains provisional and subject to change in accordance with the latest government guidelines and the situation regarding COVID-19 \***

## CIRCUIT LENGTH:

**2.356 miles**

**Grid limit - saloon cars: 42**

Thruxton Circuit, Andover, Hampshire, SP11 8NN

Tel: 01264 882222

Email: [info@thruxtonracing.co.uk](mailto:info@thruxtonracing.co.uk)

Driving there:

Thruxton circuit is readily accessible from both the M3 and M4 motorways - 1.5 hours from London, 2.5 hours from Birmingham. Once on the A303 follow the signs for Thruxton Circuit ONLY; ignore the signs for Thruxton village. Upon leaving the A303 follow the signs for Thruxton Circuit. Sat-nav users should use postcode SP11 8PN

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# REVISED 2020 CALENDAR

## **DUNLOP MINI CHALLENGES** SUPPORTED BY MINI SPARES

National 1+2	Donington Park	11 July ( <i>MGCC / Resumption of Racing meet</i> )
National 3+4+5	Brands Hatch GP	8-9 August ( <i>BARC / BTCC-TOCA support</i> )
National 6+7	Snetterton 300	19-20 September ( <i>BARC / Club meeting</i> )
National 8+9*	Castle Combe	3-4 October ( <i>CCRC / Autumn Festival</i> )
<b>National 9*+10+11 Thruxton</b>		<b>24-25 October (<i>BARC / Club weekend</i>)</b>

### **ADDITIONAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Winter Series 1+2	TBA / TBC	(tbc)
Winter Series 3+4	TBA / TBC	(tbc)
AGM / ATD	TBA	Nov-Dec 2020 (tbc)
Awards / Dinner Dance	Marriott Forest of Arden	January 2021 (tbc)

**National Rounds 9\*+10+11**

**24-25 October**



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## TREBLE-HEADER FOR THRUXTON

MAIN STORY!



...POSTPONED CASTLE COMBE ROUND  
RE-SCHEDULED ONTO NATIONAL FINALS TIMETABLE

Thanks to the intervention of the British Automobile Racing Club, the 2020 Dunlop National Mini Challenge supported by Mini Spares is back on schedule for a conclusion at Thruxton this weekend.

Almost before the M7RC had a chance to collectively dry itself off after the disappointing rain-induced postponement of Round 9 in Wiltshire on 4 October, the welcome news came through of a replacement race at the Hampshire circuit just 3 weeks later!

With a double-header National finale already booked with circuit organisers BARC on the 24-25 October weekend, the offer of an 'extra' combined race for all four classes to replace the two separate races for Miglia/Libre and Se7en/S-Class lost to the Combe flooding could not have been more timely.

In the meantime, for the 'extra' race at Thruxton, the two grids pending from Combe will be amalgamated into one, with Miglias up front, then one row gap, followed by Libres, then another row gap, followed by Se7ens, a further row gap and finally S-Class. Going by MsUK guidelines only those drivers on the original Round 9 Combe grids - established via fastest lap times in Round 8 - may be allowed to start. However,

there is likely to be one or more 'no-shows' meaning provisional gaps on the combined grid, although it is not yet confirmed if any of those gaps will be 'closed up' come raceday. Further, any delayed start for the Se7en/S-Class - minimum 10 seconds, as it was at Donington in July - will be the ultimate decision of the Clerk of the Course.

In a busy final weekend schedule at Thruxton (see page 6), separate Round 10 qualifying sessions for Se7en/S-Class and Miglia/Libre begin from 9am Saturday morning, with all classes then lining up together for the re-arranged Round 9 due to start at 11.30 and conclude 20 minutes later. A mid-afternoon 2.30pm slot sees the Se7en/S-Class back out for Round 10, followed by the Miglia/Libre race straight after. A 'relaxed' Saturday evening/Sunday morning should hopefully see everyone fit and healthy again for back-to-back Round 11 races at 12.20pm and 12.55pm on the Sunday afternoon... •

## STOP PRESS!

### LIVE STREAMING FOR SUNDAY RACES...

The good news is that we have once again arranged for TV footage of the two races on Sunday, streamed live on Facebook. Many thanks to KAD for their support of this weekend's footage and fingers crossed for another action-packed day. The coverage is of course excellent for sponsors! Simply click on the main M7RC page for the Link on Sunday and please spread the word to your Facebook friends and family too •

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## DÉJÀ VU?



There have been several cancelled M7RC races that have been re-scheduled in the past, the most recent being in 2017 and 2016, ironically both involving Castle Combe! Three years ago, a red-flag stoppage after Martin Wager's Miglia rolled on the opening lap (above) was one of several incidents that put the 17 April timetable way behind schedule and a re-run was not possible before the 'evening' curfew. Thus, it wasn't until 30 September at Rockingham, over 5 months later, that Round 2 was completed shortly before the final Rounds 13+14. The year before, the entire M7RC paddock didn't even get out to qualify due to flooding at the Wiltshire circuit on 28 March, re-convening there for the 'opening' two rounds of the Challenge on 29-30 May, but after Rounds 3+4 (at Brands on 16-17 April) and Rounds 5+6 (at Cadwell on 14-15 May) had been run in between times! Sadly, back in 1992, the Mini Se7en race at Oulton Park on 20 June was abandoned as the cars waited to grid-up, and despite the sunny and dry conditions (below), the meeting went past the curfew time after a fatal accident on the last lap of the preceding Formula Ford race. In such tragic circumstances, understandably there was no real desire to race on. Back then, Round 6 was transferred to the next scheduled event (at Combe) with the re-scheduled Oulton race on 17 October - the same day as a combined Winter Challenge round at Silverstone - becoming the final, National Round 12 •



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Hopefully the weather on 24-25 Oct' will be more like Thruxton 2019 (top) and less like Combe 2020 (above)...

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## MOTORSPORT UK COVID-19 UPDATE

16 October 2020

### Updated COVID-19 Guidance in relation to UK Travel

In response to the latest COVID-19 guidance received from the Government's Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport in relation to UK travel, please see below the Motorsport UK guidance as it applies to England. Participants should otherwise follow devolved government obligations.

Motorsport remains an activity permitted under COVID-19 regulations subject to conformity with:

National Governing Body (Motorsport UK) guidance ([Getting Back on Track](#)) and applicable [national government](#) and local guidance (see your local authority website) if any.

The key elements remain to respect general and personal safety obligations relating to:

Social distancing;  
Face Masks and appropriate PPE;  
Mitigating risks of surface contami-

nation and transmission through the use of sanitisation including vehicles and tools/equipment.

The following travel guidance received from DCMS applies in England and participants must otherwise follow devolved government obligations:

You may continue to travel within a very high alert level area to venues or amenities which are open, for work or to access education, but you should – and aim to – reduce the number of journeys you make.

You should try to avoid travelling outside the very high alert level area you reside in or entering a very high alert level area, other than for things like work, education or youth services, to meet caring responsibilities or if you are travelling through as part of a longer journey. In the motorsport context therefore, where the motorsport activity is part of or is your work then you can travel from a very high alert area to a different area (subject to devolved government rules) – but you must respect the other sport governing body and personal safety rules at all

times.

There are no issues for travel in terms of [elite sports events](#)/travel for the purposes of work in that context.

For grassroots (non-elite sport) participation, where limitations on travel into and out of highest risk areas are 'advised' (i.e. this is an advisory, not enforcement situation), the advice is that travel is ok as per below:

To clarify:

Medium: there are no restrictions on travel for Motorsport UK Events or testing.

High: there are no restrictions on travel for Motorsport UK Events or testing, but you should aim to reduce the number of journeys you make where possible.

Very high: You are advised not to travel into or out of areas unless you are travelling to an elite event however government acknowledges that is advice and not an enforcement situation and Motorsport UK permitted events are to be treated as supervised sport •

**Motorsport UK**

*Image: courtesy MsUK*



## WEAR THE MASK IS ALL WE ASK



With the likelihood of the COVID-19 virus affecting how we all go motor racing for some while yet, it is prudent to follow official PPE advice. A face mask is one of the most instantly accessible 'safety' items in the fight against coronavirus and has arguably become a 'fashion' statement too. In which case, what better way to both keep yourself, and others around you, safer and promote the Club at the same time than with the M7RC-logoed face mask: one-size-fits-all, lightweight, stretchy and breathable, and can be washed quite easily in warm soapy water. Cost is £6 each or two for a tenner, and available from the Club stand. Social distancing and COVID-secure measures have been further tightened recently. In light of this development, Motorsport UK and event organisers have been given a strict mandate to carry out spot-checks at race meetings, so make sure you have a mask to hand if requested to wear it. Drivers must put on a mask if not wearing a crash helmet and fire-proof balaclava, so wearing the M7RC colours, either in the paddock, *parc fermé*, on the podium or receiving trophies is more likely to get your picture selected for inclusion in this newsletter or annual *Pitlane* magazine too! •

## SETTING THE STANDARD

As you will have read elsewhere, the possibility of motor racing carrying on is dependent on everyone following the 'rules'. We believe that as one of the most highly respected clubs in the motorsport world we should aim to set ourselves up as an example to all other clubs by following these guidelines, which to be clear are not that different to those communicated by the sport's governing body, MsUK. The difference is that it is our Club that will follow them completely to the letter and we thus become the standard on compliance and safety:

1. M7RC members must make very effort to wear face coverings outside of their awnings at all times. Members are also encouraged to wear face coverings within their awnings, to further protect those around them, but this is not mandatory;
2. No M7RC member should enter anyone else's awning unless they really have to. If they do have to, then a face covering must be worn by them and everyone else within that awning;
3. The gathering of more than six, either in a M7RC member's awning or outside, is not acceptable;
4. Every M7RC team/awning must have sanitiser available for everyone in their team, and for visitors, to use;

5. M7RC competitors must remain in their vehicle when they enter *parc fermé*, with helmet on, and , await any direction from officials. Should the competitors need to or be asked to exit the vehicle, they must use a face covering and adopt social distancing.

Of course, the Club does not have any enforcement powers or fines to issue, so we rely on your goodwill and our collective spirit to follow these rules. Most of all we do not want the 'failure' of the M7RC to follow the rules to be a reason for motorsport in the UK to be closed down •

**Colin Peacock**

*on behalf of the M7RC Committee*

**Mini 7 Racing Club**

*"Our rules, our standards"*



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## TECHNICAL UPDATES from the M7RC SCRUTINEERING TEAM

*Incessant overnight rain ensured a washout on the Sunday in Wiltshire, and so plans for a fuller technical report were somewhat cut short. Weather permitting, the National finals at Thruxton should see greater checks in the pipeline...*

### Scrutineers' Report Castle Combe 3-4 October

**A**n interesting weekend, with COVID rules a little tighter for us, but we did as much as we could on the Saturday, within our constraints - only the top 3 from each class were allowed to be kept in *parc fermé*.

What did we do?

We checked tyres, seat belts, steering items and weights, with visual checks on as much as we could.

Away from *parc fermé* we sealed a number of engines across the classes, with a view to removing a few cylinder heads on the Sunday after the Sunday races.

Our aim was to measure bore stroke, volumes, valves, plus a general inspection of removed parts.

Due to the cancellation re. the rain we did not get to do this.

The engines are still sealed and we will look at what to do with them at Thruxton.

Wishing you all well, hope to see you at Thruxton •

**Steve Wood & Julian Affleck**  
M7RC Technical Scrutineers

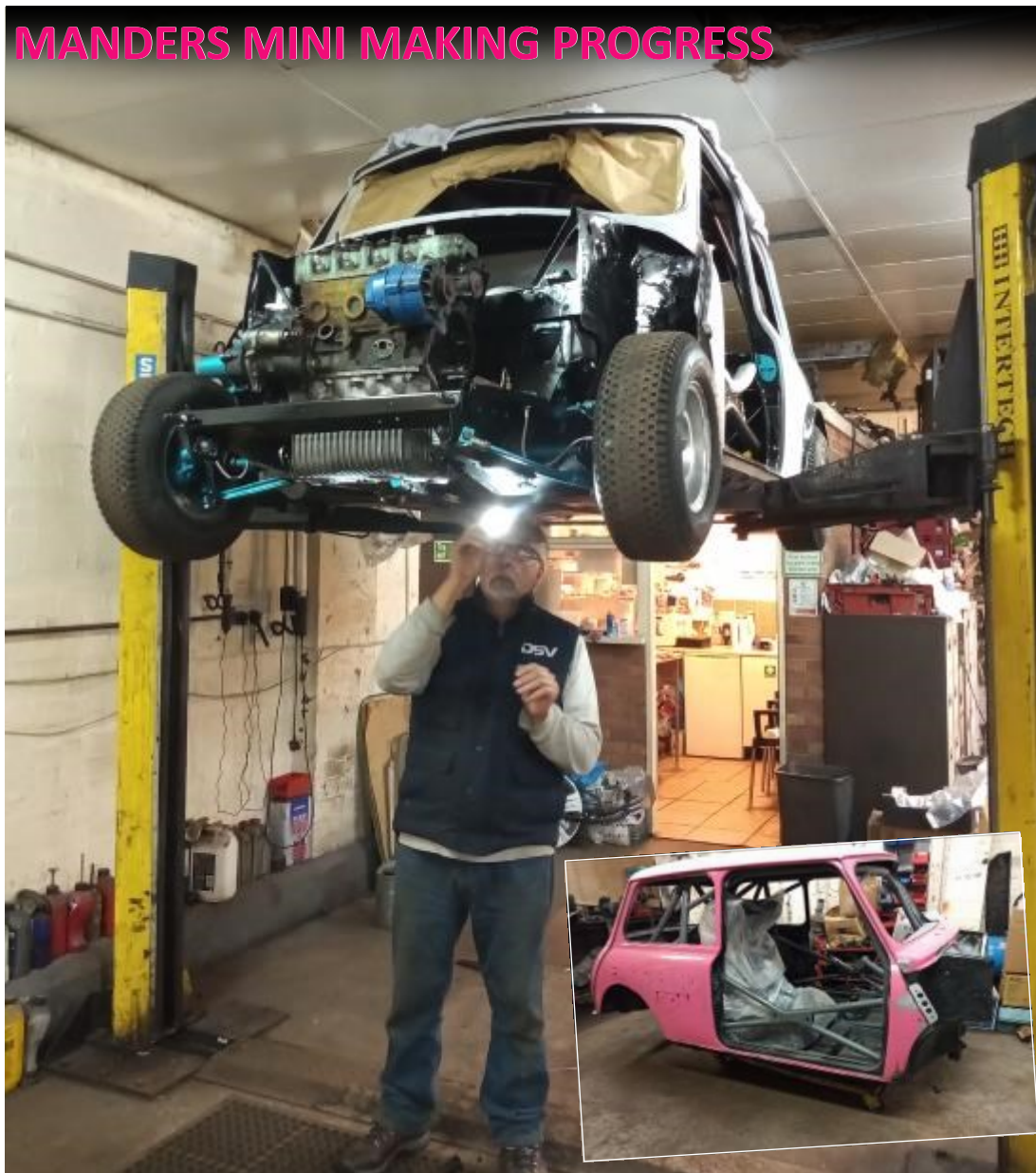


*Miglia*  
**50**  
*Years*  
1970-2020

Photo: J Payne

# NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS

## MANDERS MINI MAKING PROGRESS



The latest update on the former pink Manders Mini Se7en is that car and driver are progressing nicely. Greg (Causon) has just completed his ARDs course at Mallory park, passed by Joe Thompson. The car has just had its new engine 'dummy' built for the first time, and is all looking ok.

This is a true home-built race car, being built on a budget with a lot of help from other Club members, including input from Darren Thomas, thanks Darren. In conclusion, it's on target to start its first race in over 20 years, in early 2021 •

Words & pics: Mike Jackson



## TECH TIDBITS

### LOGGING ON

The Vehicle Log system originally previewed in Issue #7 of Pit & Paddock has now been seen by many in the M7RC paddock, and general consensus is it should work well. The proposed system of recording technical conformity and development with the race cars is provisionally planned for introduction in 2021, leaving the remainder of 2020 for healthy discussion and tweaking to finalise the details, and a second draft example with added notes pages was doing the rounds at Combe... •

### STICKY NOT TRICKY DECALS

A few cars have been short of one or two of the required Challenge stickers, so as a reminder:

Two (x2) DUNLOP / MINI SPARES Title Sponsor / Co-Sponsor door number panels and one wind-screen header;

In addition, one (x1) MINI SPARES decal each side of the car; one (x1) MINI SPARES decal inside the car and clearly visible when viewed on camera in-car footage;

Two (x2) M7RC decals, one forward-facing & one rearward-facing;

One (x1) PIPER CAMS decal, forward facing ;

One (x1) SPAX decal, on both front wings - Se7en & S-Class only;

One (x1) CURLEY decal, on both front wings. Simple, really! •

### FANCY THE BAR MADE?

The Boot Tube Assembly which the M7RC Scrutineering team strongly recommends for UK use, and required for Zandvoort (hopefully in 2021) and possibly even Spa too, is still available to order via Barry Payne [membership@mini7.co.uk](mailto:membership@mini7.co.uk). Cost is £50 (unpainted) plus p&p. There are only a few left in stock however, so please contact Libre rep Phil Harvey at [motley.mini@outlook.com](mailto:motley.mini@outlook.com) or Barry to reserve yours •

Image: P Harvey

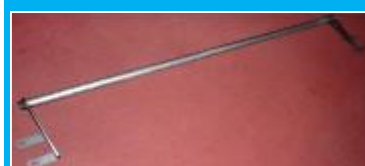


Image: P Harvey

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## RETURN OF CLUB TROPHIES!



Please could all of you who haven't yet done so, return any 2019 season trophies you were awarded, to Mike and Alan Jackson at Thruxton or as soon as possible thereafter. A thorough polish-up would not go amiss either (i.e. as you received it), and if you do have to send them via parcel post, please make doubly sure you have properly protected and wrapped them, as one or two trophies have sadly incurred damage in the past, which is inexcusable as some of these trophies have such a great history that they are priceless and, quite frankly, irreplaceable. Thanking you in advance •

Image: M7RC Archive

## CLASSICS FOR UNDER 17s

In a similar vein to the M7RC's Under 17 Graham Hill Memorial Trophy run alongside the 1275cc S-Class Challenge, the teen-orientated YoungDriver scheme has adopted a classic approach in its range of learner vehicles. Ten to 17-year olds will now be able to sample the driving dynamics of a Morris Minor, Austin 7 or Vauxhall VX490, in addition to the regular fleet of brand-new Vauxhall Corsas. Working with the British Motor Museum at Gaydon in Warwickshire, YoungDriver will be running events at the museum once or twice a month with more venues planned. Sessions will cost from £25 and include a 15-minute driving experience in the three classic cars, each accompanied by fully qualified driving ADI instructors. It begs the question though; why not a classic Mini in the line-up? That has got to be the obvious choice, surely?!

[www.youngdriver.com](http://www.youngdriver.com)

Image: courtesy Newspress



## MOTORSPORT DAYS LIVE 2020 @ SILVERSTONE

Lockdown permitting, racers, track day users, performance car buyers and industry professionals can meet and source from exhibitors, plus network with teams, championships and manufacturers whilst sampling cars and products 'live' on Silverstone's Int. circuit on 20-21 Nov'. Mark Wanstall [right-line@btinternet.com](mailto:right-line@btinternet.com) in partnership with KAD is coordinating a M7RC effort •

Image: S Colbran



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## CLASSIC MINI RACING ROUND-UP...



The now regular section on other classic racing Minis has seen three further meetings since the previous update in Issue #8, with perhaps Goodwood Speedweek creating the biggest headlines of them all...

Such is the interest and, perhaps more to the point, investment going into the Historic motorsport scene then it is very encouraging to see the number of classic Minis competing. Goodwood Speedweek may have concluded on Sunday 18 October, but the news stories that are likely to be following on from this major international event actually make it worth buying a copy of *Autosport*, apart from just M7RC reports!

In the Gerry Marshall Trophy race, essentially for 1970s/80s production saloons of which the 'big' legend was so intrinsically linked, a quartet of slab-fronted Minis took part alongside Mustangs, Capris, Rover SDIs and the like, with three of them being 1275 GT replicas. These included the Patrick Motorsport/Richard Longman version shared by A-Series engine builder Nick Swift, and Miglia convert Andrew Jordan, the PJ Green-liveried/Tim Goss example piloted by BTCC champion Colin Turkington alongside Jason Brooks, and Lawrence Warr/Tim Harvey in the Jon Mowatt copy. In addition, Mark Burnett shared a Clubman Estate with motoring journo, Richard Meaden. Only the Brooks/Turkington version finished out of the 27 starters, but in the later Gerry Marshall Sprint for solo drivers, Swift's was the leading Mini in 11th overall out of 24 starters. Two races made up the classification for the St Mary's Trophy, and here no less than seven Pre-66

Cooper Ss and the Countryman of SU Carbs boss Mark Burnett, lined up against the Ford Lotus Cortinas, Galaxies, Jags, Alfas plus monstrous Studebaker, Dodge and Plymouth Barracuda machines from Stateside. Once again Nick Swift was in the leading Mini, paired with Alex Brundle (son of ex-F1 racer and TV pundit, Martin), while other noted names included Karun Chandhok teamed with Sir John Cooper's grandson Charlie, plus Gordon Shedden, Tim Harvey, Anthony Reid and Rob Huff, the latter paired with Miglia and Historic F1 pacesetter, Nick Padmore. A quick scan of other names on the grid reveals the likes of: Blomqvist, Blundell, Brabham, Pirro, Needell, Attwood, Mass, Franchitti... cor lumme, that was some line-up!

The day before, at Silversone, the Historic Sports Car Club held a double-header for their Historic Touring Car Championship, former M7RC drivers Nick Paddy and Dan Wheeler scoring a K3 class win apiece in their Cooper Ss, with the similar machines of David Ogden, Ollie Streek, Roger Godfrey, Philip Hall and Ben Rushworth making up the 22-car entry.

At the same circuit a week previous, out of an entry of 30 cars, the best of a trio of 1293cc Minis was that of Nathan Williams, from Andy Messham and Kevin Bottomley in the Classic Touring Car Racing Club's Pre-66 class •

Images: courtesy Newspress/Goodwood.com



## PITLANE REVIEW

The M7RC's annual, full colour, 72-page *Pitlane Review* 2019 magazine was released in January, so if you haven't yet obtained yourself a copy, contact [mike.jackson@mini7.co.uk](mailto:mike.jackson@mini7.co.uk) for all posting details, or pick one up at the race meetings •



## MINI 7 MEMORIES

Ten more issues of the M7RC Archive have been released, now making 30 years worth of the Club's history available in print. Chapter 5 'The Last Years of 850' covers 1986 to 1990, and the swansong of the original 850cc Mini Se7en engine, while Chapter 6 'The Green Revolution', from 1991 to 1995, records a new 1000cc Mini Se7en unit, and a move to 1300cc for Mini Miglia, plus the adoption of unleaded fuel and growing ties with RoverSport and Unipart. Archive copies of individual seasons, including 1966 through to 1985, are also available from Mike Jackson on the Club stand or via the [www.m7rc.co.uk](http://www.m7rc.co.uk) website. In addition, a further 10 years worth of seasonal reviews are currently in production, and these are due to cover the seasons from 1996 through to 2005 •



# NEWS NEWS NEWS NEWS

## RACE REPORT: CASTLE COMBE

**3-4 OCT'...**

## RESULTS: ROUND 8



# Rain stops play...

...heavy flooding halts double-header Sunday races

Severe weather from 'Storm Alex' swept across the UK at Combe, with persistent rain eventually causing the Autumn Classic meeting to be cancelled on the Sunday morning due to a waterlogged track, and Round 9 in the M7RC's National Challenge left 'on hold'. However, despite damp and gloomy conditions on the Saturday, the Round 8 races went ahead, former BTCC champion Andrew Jordan opening out a clear advantage to win his second Miglia race following victory at Brands in August, with Kane Astin gamely chasing in his spray throughout. Rupert Deeth recovered from an opening lap spin to claw his way back to third ahead of Aaron Smith and Scott Kendall, Smith retaining a comfortable series lead.

In the Libre class, Dan Lewis edged closer to Rob Davis in the standings as the pair finished 1-2, with former Miglia racer from the late-80/early-90s, Richard Colburn returning in his original car for third in class.

The overall result in the Se7en/S-Class encounter was no less wetter but was rather more contentious, Jeff Smith taking the chequered flag in front of Spencer Wanstall but, according to the live timing at least one lap, or over 2 ½ minutes earlier than the scheduled 20 minutes. The 'early' flag was due to "debris on track"

which was actually Smith's bonnet that had eventually detached itself after contact when lapping S-Class cars, and the question was raised why there wasn't a red flag, but ultimately the result stood. Andrew Deviny was third from Glen Woodbridge and Leon Oli Window.

Further back, Connor O'Brien continued his return to winning ways in S-Class, eventually dropping the closely battling pair of Thorburn Astin and Matthew Ayres, although fourth-placed Greg Daw retained his points lead.

*n.b. Within days of the postponed Combe races, BARC had offered the M7RC a replacement fixture at the Thruxton National Challenge finale meeting on 24-25 October. Provisional timings propose a combined race earlier on the Saturday following qualifying for Rounds 10 and 11, and the provisional grid to be formed from the two Round 9 grids established from the fastest laps of Round 8 at Combe •*

### NOTES ON THE CARS:

#### Miglia

#0 - Delayed on opening lap, playing catch up thereafter

#11 - Gamely kept up chase of leader throughout

#19 - Clio and Austin A35 racer making Miglia debut in ex-Drew car; seized hub brought him in early

#21 - Playing the long game, battled over 3rd but happy to rack up more big points

#23 - Broken throttle cable in qualifying; spun on opening lap but fantastic recovery to take 3rd

#26 - Withdrew before meeting...

#37 - Ran well in the wet to complete the leaderboard

#77 - Pole position, fastest lap, clear victory in the end...

#78 - Well in the mix for a podium, car looked at home in the wet, but eventually shuffled back to 5th

#82 - Novice debut in ex-Horsfall/Dunkley machine; unable to get gears after clutch adjuster nut 'shifted'...

#85 - Collected spinning #23 on opening lap, another recovery drive of note to get back on the pace

### Mini Miglia & Libre

Pos #	Driver	15 Laps
1 77	Andrew Jordan <b>M</b>	21:04.178 / 79.02 mph
2 11	Kane Astin <b>M</b>	
3 23	Rupert Deeth <b>M</b>	
4 21	Aaron Smith <b>M</b>	
5 78	Scott Kendall <b>M</b>	
6 37	James Cuthbertson <b>M</b>	
7 0	Colin Peacock <b>M</b>	
8 85	Sam Summerhayes <b>M</b>	
9 171	Dan Lewis <b>L</b>	22:29.050 / 74.05 mph
10 500	Rob Davis <b>L</b>	
11 219	Richard Colburn <b>L</b>	
12 113	Phil Harvey <b>L</b>	
dnf 82	Darren Mason <b>M</b>	1 lap
dnf 19	James Colburn <b>M</b>	1
ns 177	Peter Crewes <b>L</b>	
wd 26	Peter Arnold <b>M</b>	
wd 126	Peter Hills <b>L</b>	
wd 132	Darren Cox <b>L</b>	
FL/M	A Jordan	1:23.215 - 80.03 mph
FL/L	R Davis	1:26.798 - 76.73 mph
Pole/M	A Jordan	
Pole/L	D Lewis	

### Mini Se7en & S-Class

Pos #	Driver	11 Laps*
1 1	Jeff Smith <b>7</b>	17:21.873 / 70.31 mph
2 73	Spencer Wanstall <b>7</b>	
3 77	Andrew Deviny <b>7</b>	
4 39	Glen Woodbridge <b>7</b>	
5 7	Leon Oli Window <b>7</b>	
6 787	Connor O'Brien <b>S</b>	17:58.116 / 67/95 mph
7 736	Thorburn Astin <b>S</b>	
8 758	Matthew Ayres <b>S</b>	
9 76	Jo Polley <b>7</b>	
10 712	Greg Daw <b>S</b>	
11 10	Julian Proctor <b>7</b>	
12 31	Jordan Sims <b>7</b>	
13 742	Ben Butler <b>S</b>	
14 57	Philip Gillibrand <b>7</b>	10 laps
15 715	Jonnie Kent <b>S</b>	10
16 729	Darren Jeremiah <b>S</b>	10
17 796	Mark Chappell <b>S</b>	10
18 711	D Harrington <b>S</b>	10
dnf 5	Lee Roberts <b>7</b>	8 laps
dnf 6	Graeme Davis <b>7</b>	7
dnf 720	Ben Cutler <b>S</b>	5
dnf 38	Steven Hopper <b>7</b>	4
FL/7	S Wanstall	1:32.663 - 71.87mph
FL/S	D Harrington	1:35.023 - 70.08 mph
Pole/7	S Wanstall	
Pole/S	C O'Brien	

\* chequered flag shown @ 11 laps due to debris on track...

1.85-mile circuit

\* full official results @ [www.tsl-timing.com](http://www.tsl-timing.com)



Photos: M Barrington

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## ...RACE REPORT: CASTLE COMBE

## 3-4 OCT'

## RESULTS: ROUND 9\*



### Mini Miglia & Libre

Grid Start Order:  
based on Fastest Laps in Rd 8

Pos #	Driver
1	77 Andrew Jordan <b>M</b>
2	23 Rupert Deeth <b>M</b>
3	11 Kane Astin <b>M</b>
4	21 Aaron Smith <b>M</b>
5	78 Scott Kendall <b>M</b>
6	37 James Cuthbertson <b>M</b>
7	0 Colin Peacock <b>M</b>
8	85 Sam Summerhayes <b>M</b>
9	82 Darren Mason <b>M</b>
10	19 James Colburn <b>M</b>
13	500 Rob Davis <b>L</b>
14	171 Dan Lewis <b>L</b>
15	219 Richard Colburn <b>L</b>
16	113 Phil Harvey <b>L</b>
17	177 Peter Crewes <b>L</b>
wd	26 Peter Arnold <b>M</b>
wd	126 Peter Hills <b>L</b>
wd	132 Darren Cox <b>L</b>
FL/M	n/a
FL/L	n/a
Pole/M	A Jordan
Pole/L	R Davis

## ...rain stops play

### Libre

#113 - Biggest problem copious amounts of water in footwell!  
#126 - Withdrew early...  
#132 - Blew engine testing, entry withdrawn before weekend...  
#171 - Kept up title chase with pole start and fourth win  
#177 - Ran well in qualifying, then unable to fire-up for race due to suspected wiring-loom break  
#219 - Car last ran as full Mig in '92, resurrected as Libre; only half a lap in qualifying but ran steadily for podium trophy  
#500 - Fastest lap a terrific effort but 5-port not quite able to match 8-port of #171 over the distance

### Se7en

#1 - Intense lead battle, contact lapping S-Class led to loose bodywork and bonnet on track; victory came with early flag  
#5 - Running well before new 'plastic' screen kept misting up...  
#6 - Lightning start to make up several places before diff/gearbox issue halted progress  
#7 - Qualifying 4th in class "luck more than anything" joked team; running well in that spot but passed on penultimate lap  
#10 - Entertaining dice among chasing pack, despite his least favourite circuit...  
#31 - Pleased to rack up more points; hit up rear by #711 when missed a gearshift out of chicane  
#38 - Suspected broken crank halted promising run after 4 laps  
#39 - Great qualifying, terrible start, great recovery to 4th  
#57 - Thrown fanbelt and alternator issue after qualifying but fixed for race to enjoy battle among the S-Class pack  
#73 - Right on the pace but very unlucky to lose out when lapping 'backmarkers' and from the early chequered flag...  
#76 - Blew engine testing, new unit saw steady run to 6th  
#77 - Again shadowed leading pair without quite having the 'horses' to mount a challenge

### S-Class

#711 - Possible podium until contact with #31 brought him into pits, quick patch-up job then returned to set class fastest lap  
#712 - Though not quite on lead pace, stayed top on points  
#715 - Running spare 'car, 6th in class decent result despite being hit when lapped; also due to race Historic Mini on Sunday  
#720 - Back after lack of budget saw him miss Snetterton; unfortunately got onto grass at Quarry, game over in tyrewall  
#729 - Pitlane start when unable to fire-up on grid, soon caught up the tail for company  
#736 - Worked hard chasing #787 up front, even harder battling #758 to hold onto 2nd place  
#742 - Admitted 'mental' block over ongoing brake issue but pressed on for solid 5th; later assured he'd traced the cause  
#758 - Rebuilt engine and improved cooling saw a return to impressive early season form with battling 3rd in class  
#787 - Continued title chase with third victory on the trot  
#796 - Good race until 'forced' into big spin when lapped... •

### Mini Se7en & S-Class

Grid Start Order:  
based on Fastest Laps in Rd 8

Pos #	Driver
1	73 Spencer Wanstall <b>7</b>
2	1 Jeff Smith <b>7</b>
3	77 Andrew Deviny <b>7</b>
4	39 Glen Woodbridge <b>7</b>
5	7 Leon Oli Window <b>7</b>
6	6 Graeme Davis <b>7</b>
7	10 Julian Proctor <b>7</b>
8	31 Jordan Sims <b>7</b>
9	76 Jo Polley <b>7</b>
10	5 Lee Roberts <b>7</b>
11	38 Steven Hopper <b>7</b>
12	57 Philip Gillibrand <b>7</b>
15	711 Damien Harrington <b>S</b>
16	787 Connor O'Brien <b>S</b>
17	758 Matthew Ayres <b>S</b>
18	712 Greg Daw <b>S</b>
19	736 Thorburn Astin <b>S</b>
20	742 Ben Butler <b>S</b>
21	720 Ben Cutler <b>S</b>
22	729 Darren Jeremiah <b>S</b>
23	796 Mark Chappell <b>S</b>
24	715 Jonnie Kent <b>S</b>

FL/7	n/a
FL/S	n/a
Pole/7	S Wanstall
Pole/S	D Harrington

\* both races postponed due to waterlogged track - grids held in abeyance for provisional re-scheduled Rd 9 races at Thruxton on 24 Oct'...

1.85-mile circuit

\* full official results @  
[www.tsl-timing.com](http://www.tsl-timing.com)



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GALLERY:

CASTLE COMBE

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**...GALLERY:**

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# Out of (south) Africa...

PHOTOGRAPHER TREVOR NOBLE RECOUNTS HIS EARLY DAYS OF MINI MOTORSPORT THE OTHER SIDE OF THE LENS...



Racing in Class F of Production Car Championship...

**M**y involvement with Minis started when my dad gave me the yellow/white Austin 850 mini he had bought new in 1960 in 1965.

Over the following years it had a few mods carried out which included boring it out to 950cc using Austin Somerset pistons and the fitting of a Nikki sidedraught on a twist manifold (below)....

In 1970 I entered the Mini in a 'Marshalls & Officials' race at Killarney track in Cape Town

(opposite top middle), and the Mini bug had well and truly bitten!

The following season I started racing a 998cc Mini in the Argus Production Car Championship and ended up joint-4th in the overall points

and winner of Class F, plus a new lap record for the class.

In 1972 and 1973 I again raced in Class F (main pic) but now with the local 1098cc engine produced by Leyland SA in Cape Town. Results were mixed, with a few 1sts but not enough to feature in the end championships. During 1972 I also entered the Duckhams International Moonlight Rally (opposite bottom) in my Mini, but fitted with a 1070cc 'S' engine and achieved the distinction of being 'Last Classified Finisher' and received the Wooden Spoon award!

I also entered in the International 3 Hours at Killarney but unfortunately only lasted 13 laps before the back right wheel blew out and rolled the Mini

without injury or any serious damage to the car. It got pictured in the local newspaper though (column far right)!

In 1974 I continued



In friend's car, 'battling' with Hailwood/Redman Chevron B19...

with the 1098cc Mini and had a few wins in class and again ended up 1st in Class F at the end of the season.

Nikki sidedraught...



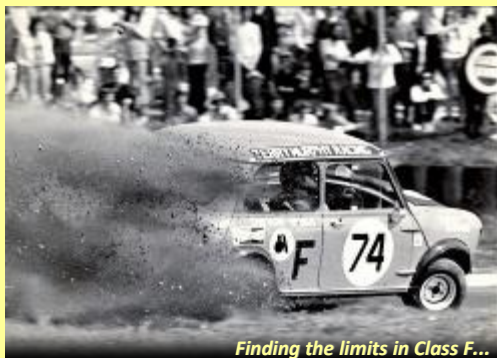
Photos: courtesy T Noble

# ...out of (South) Africa



Early trophies...

I stayed with the 1098cc engine in 1975 and had a few podiums but not enough to win the class. During 1976 I had a number of podium places with the highlight of finishing 11th overall, 2nd in class and 21st in the Index of Performance in the International Castrol 2-Hours race at Killarney. In this case I shared the driving in a friend's 1293cc Mini Cooper 'S'.



Finding the limits in Class F...



For most of my racing career I was lucky enough to have sponsorship from Robbs Motors, who were the BMC/British Leyland distributor in South Africa, and which allowed me to have free spares from the factory and that helped a lot financially. Since I stopped with racing I have continued my interest in the sport by turning to motorsport photography, and have found that my racing experience has helped me with my pictures in being able to anticipate that something is going to happen!

I have been lucky enough to visit many International circuits as I travelled a lot for work and it's been a fantastic experience.

Once the World gets back to some kind of normality I hope to get across to the UK and some race meetings...

Best regards and keep safe •

Trevor Noble  
Motorsport Photographer

Now based in the Netherlands Trevor introduced himself to the M7RC at Zandvoort last year, and freely provided a range of photos that he took from the Dunlop Mini Challenge treble-header, several of which appeared in the end-of-season 2019 Pitlane Review magazine, including one of the main cover images •



Moonlight Rally with Clubman front looked fun too but end result was the 'wooden spoon' award...

## ES-CAPE TOWN!

Dramatic sequence showing Trevor's huge rollover at in the 1973 Killarney 3-Hour race endurance near Cape Town, caused when the right rear tyre suddenly blew out. He escaped unharmed. Backing from the main South African Leyland/BMC dealer certainly helped with replacement parts and repairs! •



Photos: courtesy T Noble

# For the **L** of it...



OVER THE DECADES MANY RACE DRIVERS **L**EARNED THEIR WAY AROUND THE CIRCUITS WITH THE M7RC...

**Miglia**  
**50**  
**Years**  
1970-2020



*John Lambe*

**T**he following is the full 'L-list' of driver surnames but if you think there may be more then let the M7RC know and we'll endeavor to add them in a future issue of *Pit & Paddock*...

**Mark Laird**  
Se7en (1972-73)  
Listed for one start at Llandow in 72

**John Lambe** ↑  
Se7en (1973-81) Miglia (1982-83, 86, 91-92)  
TEAC runner-up 79/80, 1 win Lydden

**Mike Lambert**  
Se7en (1983)  
Single DNS at Snetterton

**Peter Lambourne**  
Miglia (1969) Se7en (1970)  
One of early Mig test drivers in 69

**Rob Lancaster-Gaye**  
Se7en (1976)  
One TEAC race, also in Free Formula

**Stuart Lanham** ↓  
Se7en (1994-99)  
Stoic results on meagre budget

**Mark 'David' Lapworth**  
Se7en (1974-76, 78)  
Northern M7 win at Longridge in 75

**Graham Larrington**  
Se7en (1974-76)  
One podium, 9th overall 76 season

**Lorrie Lassman (Sieglar)**  
Miglia (72-73, 75)  
Top-6 in 73, Lassman Eng. entry

**Mike Lavers**  
Miglia (1971-72)  
Couple of starts only

**Fenton 'Sid' Lawley**  
Se7en (1973-75) Miglia (1978-79)  
Occasional starts in Longman cars

**John Lawlor (Irl)**  
Se7en (1984)  
Irish M7 racer, DNF at Donington

**Alan Lawrence**  
Se7en (1979, 81-82)  
Best of 3rd in class at 79 Lydden

**David Lawrence**  
Miglia (1995)  
Novice title in J Lee/Lynx-run car

**Will Lawrence**  
Se7en (1970)  
DNS for solo Mallory entry

**Jeremy Lawson**  
Se7en (1985-86)  
Mid-table rank from hatful of starts

**Mike Lawson**  
Se7en (1975)  
Croft entry, listed as DNS

**Peter Lawton**  
Se7en (1980-83)  
Frontrunner with several wins

**Roger Layzell**  
Se7en (1968-69)  
Three recorded starts

**Alan Lear**  
Se7en (1975-79)  
Best of 2nd Thruxton 77 consolation

**James Leary**  
Se7en (1977-78)  
Four starts listed

**Jonathan Lee**  
Miglia (1991-94, 96-97, 19) Se7en (1995)  
Novice title 91, Winter title 93, also won M7 qualie race 95; later developed motorbike-engined Mini

**Phil Lee**  
Se7en (1998-00) Miglia (2001-07)  
Steady progress to make 06 top-10

**Malcolm Leggate**  
1275 GT (1976-79)  
Leading light in 1275 GT class, also raced BTCC, as did daughter Fiona; family donated 'Best Drive' trophy

**Tony Le May**  
Miglia (2013-19)  
Longtime Mini campaigner, wins in

*Stuart Lanham*



Photos: M7RC Archive (J Parish Collection + RW)



# ...for the L of it

Miglia and other series too

## Nick Lemon

Miglia (1975-80, 93-96, 98)  
A few top-6 finishes

## Fred Lennon

Miglia (1987)  
One start, at Combe

## Mike Lenton

Se7en (1971) Miglia (1976-78)  
Won at Cadwell in 78 G Hill series

## Tim Lester

Se7en (1977-80)  
Two wins on way to 79 G Hill title

## Nick Leston

1275 GT (1979-80)  
Best of 8th place in six starts

## Alan Letts

Se7en (1997-06)  
Fifth overall in final season

## Geoff Letts

Se7en (1999-06)  
Thrice in top 3 overall, victories too

## Gordon Levett

Se7en (1974-84)  
Highlight came in 80 with two wins to secure Graham Hill series title

## Chris Lewis

Se7en (1976-79) 1275 GT (1979-80)  
Miglia (1979-88, 92-03)  
Top Se7en novice in 76 long before multi-Miglia titles, also competed in NZ Mini-7; survived huge Metro shunt at Spa, success in rallying too

## Dan Lewis

Libre (2019)  
Zero race miles; 2020 better...

## David Lewis

Se7en (1972-73)  
Class 2nd in 73 Combe saloon mix

## Jonathan Lewis

Se7en (1979-80, 82-83) 7-Classic (2015)  
Miglia (1981-84, 86, 97-00, 97) Libre (2018)

Emulated brother's novice title in 79, National champion a year later, also won 99 Miglia Winter series; ran single seaters, now in Historics

## Morgan Lewis

S-Class (2018)  
Brief stint from promising teenager

## Mike Lillis (Irl)

Se7en (1981-82)  
Irish-M7 racer in UK-Irl challenge

## James Lindridge

Miglia (2009, 11)  
Invitation (2012) Libre (2017)  
Brief campaigns, also ran Euro series

## Gordon Line

Se7en (1966-68)  
One of early pioneers, 66 runner-up

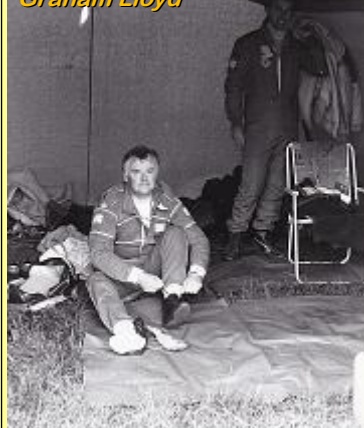
## Bernard Lingard

Se7en (1968-69) Miglia (1970)  
Top 6 in Se7ens, podiums in Miglia

## Robert Linton

Se7en (1967-68)  
Couple of 7ths in handful of starts

## Graham Lloyd



## Ray Lisles

Se7en (1990-99)  
Decent results in ex-Cooper/Gould title winner, 95 Cadwell qualie win



Rob Lodge

## James Loukes



## Gary Littledyke

Se7en (1979, 81)  
Best of 6th in G Hill series, 79 Brands

## Mark Livermore

Miglia (1993-95, 98-01)  
Occasional South East-based races

## John Llewellyn

Miglia (1977)  
Class 4th in Silverstone invite

## Gideon Lloyd

Se7en (1967, 69, 71)  
Few starts in shared entry

## Graham Lloyd

Se7en (1991-93) Miglia (1995)  
Brought Manders backing to title-winning squad, capable results

## Jonathan Lloyd

Se7en (1992) Miglia (1992-01, 03-05)  
Quick on his day, came close to Winter title before huge Mallory shunt

## Neil Locke

Se7en (2001)  
One-off at Combe

## Nigel Lodge

Miglia (1980)  
No starts from four entries

## Rob Lodge

1275 GT (1977-79)  
Top 6 results, one 'win' at 79 Cadwell after leading car excluded

## Barry Long

Invitation (2014)  
Double-header in 1.3i-spec at Oulton

## Paul Longfield

Se7en (1980)  
2nd in class at non-points Mallory

## Michael Longland

Miglia (1991)  
One Brands qualifying session, DNS

## Richard Longman

1275 GT (1977) Miglia (1983)

In entry lists only, DNP twice; legendary A-Series tuner and 'BTCC' champion in Clubman Mini

## Peter Longstaff

Se7en (1989-90)  
Decent speed in very old car

## James Loukes

Se7en (2001-03)  
Top 01 Novice, won class in Winter Brands race the following season

## John Love

Se7en (1976-82)  
Regular campaigner, a few podiums

## Laurie Loveless

Se7en (1968)  
Best of 4th in several starts

## Doug Lowe

Miglia (1986)  
Two starts in TCR entry

## Ray Lugmayer

Miglia (1980-83)  
Midfield results in few outings

## Ken Lyne

Miglia (1988-92)  
Occasional top-10 results in Manor car shared with Stewart Drake

## John Lyon

Se7en (1966-67)  
Top 6 finishes in the first Formula Mini-7 season



Ken Lyne

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# 2020 CHALLENGE STANDINGS

## NATIONAL POINTS

Provisional standings after Combe\*

\* Castle Combe Rd 9 race on 4 October postponed - re-scheduled for 24 October @ Thruxton...

## Mini Miglia

Pos	#	Driver	Pts
1	21	Aaron Smith	154
3	48	Lee Deegan	122
2	23	Rupert Deeth	125
4	85	Sam Summerhayes	100
5	0	Colin Peacock	91
6	37	James Cuthbertson	82
7	77	Andrew Jordan	77
8	11	Kane Astin	72
9	17	Rick Jessop	71
10	4	Jason Porter	61
11	78	Scott Kendall	59
12	86	Jason Balding	58
13	56	Nick Padmore	53
14	32	Endaf Owens	49
15	69	Tony Le May	41
16	80	Joe Thompson	34
17	53	Niven Burge	33
18	42	Paul Simmonds	26
19	29	Dave Drew	25
20	54	Tom Bell	16
21	72	Rob Howard	10
22	27	Peter Harries	2
23	82	Darren Mason	1
24	19	James Colburn	1
25	26	Peter Arnold	0
nc	20	Mark Sims	-
	43	Dave Edgecombe	-
	62	Chris Lovett	-
	88	Kieren McDonald	-

8	616	Justin Cooper	6
9	131	Craig Cox	5
10	177	Peter Crewes	0
nc	149	Gary Warburton	-
	283	Harvey Death	-



## Mini Se7en

Pos	#	Driver	Pts
1	73	Spencer Wanstall ↑	151
2	1	Jeff Smith	149
3	77	Andrew Deviny	145
4	6	Graeme Davis	105
5	5	Lee Roberts	98
6	31	Jordan Sims	91
7	10	Julian Proctor	81
8	76	Jo Polley	79
9	7	Leon Oli Window	63
10	49	Ross Billison	38
11	46	Max Hunter	37
12	57	Philip Gillibrand	32
13	38	Steven Hopper	29
14	39	Glen Woodbridge	19
15	33	Adam Gould	18
16	20	Darren Thomas	16
nc	37	Gareth Hunt	-

## Mini-7 S-Class

Pos	#	Driver	Pts
1	712	Greg Daw	124
2	787	Connor O'Brien	120
3	736	Thorburn Astin	100
4	742	Ben Butler	89
5	796	Mark Chappell	76
6	758	Matthew Ayres	75
7	729	Darren Jeremiah	74
8	720	Ben Cutler	73
9	715	Jonnie Kent	69
10	711	Damien Harrington	63
11	716	Julian Beavis	27
12	795	Stuart Gilby	18

## NOVICE POINTS

Provisional standings after Combe\*

## Mini Miglia

1	86	Jason Balding	133
2	82	Darren Mason	1

## Mini Se7en

1	31	Jordan Sims	15
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## Mini-7 S-Class

1	758	Matthew Ayres ↑	13
2	729	Darren Jeremiah	12
3	716	Julian Beavis	4

## Graham Hill Trophy U17 S-Class

nc	-	-	-
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## WINTER CHALLENGE

Provisional entries to date...

Silverstone 21-22 March - postponed  
Brands Hatch 14-15 November - postponed

## Miglia

-	0	Colin Peacock	-
-	11	Kane Astin	-
-	15	Gordon Pocock	-
-	23	Rupert Deeth	-
-	40	Jonathan Lewis	-
-	78	Scott Kendall	-
-	85	Sam Summerhayes	-

## Libre

-	171	Dan Lewis	-
-	277	Andrew Deviny	-

## Se7en

-	1	Jeff Smith	-
-	20	Darren Thomas	-
-	31	Jordan Sims	-
-	33	Adam Gould	-
-	39	Glen Woodbridge	-
-	46	Max Hunter	-
-	72	Arnold Duncan	-
-	76	Jo Polley	-

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-	712	Greg Daw	-
-	715	Jonnie Kent	-
-	758	Matthew Ayres	-
-	787	Connor O'Brien	-
-	795	Stuart Gilby	-
-	796	Mark Chappell	-



## Mini Libre

Pos	#	Driver	Pts
1	500	Rob Davis ↑	61
2	171	Dan Lewis	55
3	474	Josh Evans	31
4	113	Phil Harvey	27
5	132	Darren Cox	19
6	126	Peter Hills	15
7	219	Richard Colburn	6

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Seasoned pros  
Mini Se7en

New  
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Top guns:  
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**Silverstone Preview**  
• Se7en: 54 years old counting  
• Miglia: Time race wide open  
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## Winter Wow!

Cracking Season Opener at Silverstone

Mini Se7en:  
As close as ever

Top  
Mini  
action!

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• Se7en: Smith's new pace  
• Miglia: Right at the top  
• S-Class: New form as form  
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Cool Mini action from Croft

Mini Miglia:  
Even quicker

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• Miglia: Deegan & Smith top  
• S-Class: Knevel goes clear  
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• Miglia: Aaron's advantage  
• S-Class: Clearly needed  
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Hard & fast

## Feisty Festival

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at  
Brands

Survival  
of  
the  
fittest...

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• Miglia: Steady state  
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Pick attack

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Park  
recap!

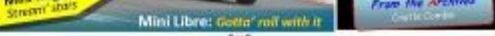
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4  
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## Mini Libre

Introduced in 2017, Mini Libre is a semi-invitational 'Free Formula' category running on the back of the Miglia grid. Catering for original-shaped racing Minis, cars may utilise any A-Series block and gearbox, run on 10in wheels and mandatory Dunlop tyres. Success ballast may be

Miglia  
50  
Years  
1970-2020



## The Mini 7 Racing Club

Ever since the first Formula Mini-7 race at Brands Hatch in 1966, the Mini 7 Racing Club has always been a favourite for race commentators and spectators alike. The race cars offer excellent performance for money, challenging many of today's more modern car formulae for overall pace. The Se7ens and Miglias are guaranteed to offer overtaking, due to equally matched machinery but mainly to the rather un-aerodynamic body that gives the car behind a straightline advantage. Off the track, the Club has a very friendly atmosphere with willingness to help new members become acquainted with the 'tricks of the trade' and where to get the best advice. Most drivers and supporters stay at the circuit for the weekend races, giving an ideal opportunity to discuss the racing. The cars are ideal for the engineering enthusiast as although the rules strictly stipulate what can be modified on the car, they are specified so that development of the car can be achieved within a tight budget. If you are interested in starting racing, the best advice is to come to a race and chat, then buy yourself an already built car as this is by far the most economic route.

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## Mini 7 Racing History

The UK's longest running one-make motor racing championship was introduced in 1966 as Formula Mini-7; restricted tuning 850 engines, control tyres, designed for low-budget racers starting out. It was the brainwave of the original Mini 7 Club (then a social/racing society, mainly for the Mini) and the 750 Motor club (the pioneers of low-cost motorsport). In 1970, Formula Mini-7 became just Mini Se7en when Mini 'Mille' Miglia was introduced; 1000cc, twin choke, less restricted tuning, wide slick tyres, and primarily for Mini Se7eners wishing to progress or for the generally more experienced saloon racer. Then in 1976 both were renamed Mini 850 and Mini 1000, as British Leyland, in conjunction with the now re-structured Mini 7 Racing Club, came up with a third, more high-profile series for Mini 1275GTs; this lasted five seasons before being superseded by Metros but that's another story... The basic Mini Se7en format remained unchanged for nigh on 25 years before an increase in engine size to 1000cc in 1991. What with the 850cc engine ceasing production in the early 1980s, replacement parts became harder to source and the fact that engines were incredibly highly stressed, the adoption of the more

## Mini Miglia

For performance, the Mini Miglia is top of the Mini 7 Racing Club ladder. With a modified 1293cc A-Series engine, the 670kg Mini is propelled from 0-60 in about 4.5 seconds and onto a top speed of around 125mph. On the slick Dunlop rubber the handling is everything you would expect from a Mini and much, much more!

## Mini Se7en

Now in its sixth decade, the Mini Se7en Challenge has been providing great racing at an affordable price. Since 1991 the Se7ens have been using a modified 998cc A-Series engine and the 660kg Minis can reach 60mph in 6.6 seconds, with a top speed of around 110mph. Running on treaded racing Dunlop rubber the cars stick to the road like the proverbial go-kart!

## Mini-7 S-Class

The Mini-7 S-Class is aimed at drivers on a budget. Whether you're a complete novice or an experienced driver returning to racing, the S-Class is a feeder series to Mini Se7en. With modifications and improvements strictly limited to the 1275cc engines, the budget for a

added. The 'Special Tuning' trophy is awarded to the overall winner •



# From the Archives

## CHAMPIONS GALLERY

Photos: M7RC Archive

1997 Tony Higgins (Winter)



Miglia  
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Years  
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1996 Wayne Grayer (Winter)



1999 Jonathan Lewis (Winter)



1998 David Abbott (Winter)



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CHAMPIONS  
GALLERY

Miglia  
**50**  
Years  
1970-2020

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2000 Kevin Mason (Winter)



2001 Kelly Rogers (Winter)



2002 Paul Brown (Winter)



2003 Martin Wager (Winter)

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THE NATIONAL SEASON KICKED OFF IN APRIL AT THE HAMPSHIRE VENUE, INCLUDING THE INAUGURAL 998CC MIGLIA 'MILLE' CHAMPIONSHIP RACE

50  
years  
ago



## THRUXTON

MINI SE7EN 19 April 1970  
National Challenge

### Entertaining Mini Se7en

THOSE AMAZING men and their Mini-machines produced a magnificent race meeting when the Mini-Seven Club entertained at Thruxton... The weather remained remarkably kind throughout and the entry was almost of mammoth proportions; perhaps the only dismal thing was the small crowd, for the M7C is certainly one of the best entertainers in the motor racing business and, as such, deserves the full support from the public

For sheer spectator appeal few sights in motor racing can equal that of a flat-out Mini battle. In the first

round of the 1970 Mini-Seven Championship no less than thirty of the multi-coloured, snapping, snarling wee beasties drew up in serried ranks to give their all in search of points, and the din as they fled the line led by Vic Hollman (Samco) was like Hades at happy hour. Would you believe that they all completed the first lap intact? Heaven only knows how the chicane remained standing especially when John Salmon (Austin) - a car christened 'Major Clanger' - elected to drop the first of many amidst the pack. The whole race was nothing short of a traumatic experience and it seems almost churlish to mention only the leaders. However, Hollman dropped out of the running by the fourth and Len Brammer (MRL) began to stitch things up to his liking, while second spot transpired into a running fight between Chris Tyrrell (Morris), Ian Briggs

(Austin), and Graham Wenham (Micktuned), with honours going to Briggs two laps from home. A classic Mini melee took place at the chicane on the sixth when Peter Drane (Austin) revolved on exiting - he was enjoying third - causing David Sambell (Morris) and James Burrows (Austin) to make contact, but all miraculously continued and

the imperturbable marshals swept away the debris - that was the way of things •

report courtesy *Motoring News*

Typically frantic Mini Se7en action at the Club chicane, with Peter Drane sideways over the kerbs (above) Se7en race winner was Len Brammer and who later went on to secure the title (below)

Photos: M7RC Archive (M Magee)



# From the Archives

**MIGLIA MINI 19 April 1970  
National Challenge**

## Wiles but not by miles

FOR ITS first pukka championship race, the Miglia Mini formula was mixed in with the Janspeed Challenge, comprising 851-1000cc and up-to-850cc Free Formula classes, and which were nearly all Minis

In the second saloon race we were treated to the spectacle of two Hillman 'Hoppers' trying it on with 27 BLMC 'Buzz-bugs.' Again provi-

One of two Imps in the Miglia race, here shadowed by the late Mike Garton  
Photo: M7RC Archive (M Magee)



dence sponsored the first lap and, in fact, the whole race was conducted in a relatively gentlemanly fashion. John Peachey-Austing (1.0 Cooper S) streaked into the lead from pole shadowed by Sean Wiles (1.0 Miglia Newbridge) and Mick Osborne (1.0 Mayfield Miglia), and these three soon pulled clear from the rest of the field, assuming strictly nodding positions relative to each other. A tense struggle sparked into life between eight cars for the kudos of coming home fourth; this incredible eight motored cheek-to-jowl for six

laps without so much a flickering an eyelid. However, one slight slip out in the country was enough to sort a space for Tony Pearce (1.0 Clubman) which he accepted with alacrity and went on to gain the place with distinction. Flying leader of the Free Formula for five laps was Roger Emerson (Newbridge Mini) and then his diff went clonk and the class went deservedly to Mike Rope (Claydon) •

*report courtesy Motoring News*

\* All 1970 season race articles, results and tables can be found in: **M7RC Archive 1970 issue**

**M7C / BARC 19 April 1970**

**NATIONAL MINI SETEN Round 1**

Pos	#	Driver	8 Laps
1	195	Len Brammer	14:25.6 / 78.39 mph
2	207	Ian Briggs	
3	190	Graham Wenham	
4	166	Chris Tyrrell*	
5	209	Jim Burrows	
6	193	Ian French	
7	222	Eric Groves	
8	208	John Wroe	
9	201	Mick Bowring	
10	200	Richard Dick Williams	

Other entries:

167	Peter Drane
169	David Sambell
176	Raymond Edge
191	Reg Armstrong
192	Rod Brown
194	Paul Beckham
196	Raymond Cox
197	Vic Hollman
198	John Flack
199	John Digby
202	Anthony Fisher
203	Richard Walden
206	Barry Ward*
210	Frank Anderson
211	Ray Kortlang
212	Brian Coles
213	Roger Colson
214	Mick Collard
215	Peter Lambourne
216	John Salmon
217	Chris Winter
221	Ray Spring

ns	204	Frank Gillibrand
ns	205	Ken Currie
ns	218	Andy Smith
ns	219	Keith Ball
ns	220	Ray Woodhead
ns	166	Dennis Fernie*
ns	206	David Coward*

FL: Vic Hollman  
1:45.0 - 80.78 mph [record]  
Pole: V Hollman

**NATIONAL MIGLIA MINI Round 1**  
(run with Janspeed Saloons/Free Formula)

Pos	#	Driver	8 Laps
1	184	Sean Wiles	13:55.4 / 81.22 mph
2	182	Mick Osborne	
3	186	Mike Jordy	
4	188	Bernard Lingard	

Other entries:

	180	David Angless
	187	Roger Dyer
ns	181	Syd Ryder
ns	183	John Holloway
ns	185	Robin Martin
ns	189	Rod MacDonald

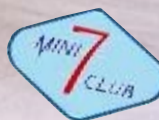
FL: S Wiles  
1:42.0 - 83.15 mph (record)  
Pole: ...  
2,356-mile circuit

**50**  
years  
ago

Third in Miglia class, Mike Jordy heads a chasing pack  
Photo: M7RC Archive (M Magee)



**Miglia**  
**50**  
**Years**  
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1975	Graham Wenham
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1983	Chris Gould
1984	Chris Gould
1985	Russell Grady
1986	Chris Tyrrell
1987	Chris Tyrrell
1988	Malcolm Joyce
1989	Steve Cooper*
1990	Bill Sollis*
1991	Bill Sollis*
1992	Mike Jackson*
1993	Tina Cooper*
1994	Ian Curley
1995	Mike Jackson*
1996	Phil Manser*
1997	Steve Bell
1998	Matthew Hayman
1999	Dave Braggins
2000	Dave Braggins
2001	Tim Sims*
2002	Tim Sims
2003	Tim Sims
2004	James Hall
2005	Paul Thompson
2006	Andrew Deviny
2007	Max Hunter
2008	Paul Thompson
2009	Kane Astin
2010	Paul Spark
2011	Paul Spark
2012	Paul Spark
2013	Andrew Deviny
2014	Andrew Deviny
2015	Paul Spark
2016	Ashley Davies
2017	Charlie Budd
2018	Max Hunter
2019	Jeff Smith

\* Overall Champion Award:  
Rover Mini Cooper to National  
Champion with highest points

### NATIONAL MINI MIGLIA

1970	Mick Osborne
1971	Len Brammer
1972	Mick Osborne
1973	Phil Spurling
1974	Russell Dell
1975	Alan Curnow
1976	Mike Curnow
1977	Paul Gaymer
1978	Phil Spurling
1979	Phil Spurling
1980	Roland Nix
1981	Chris Hampshire
1982	Chris Lewis
1983	Chris Lewis
1984	Mike Fry
1985	Mike Fry
1986	Russell Grady
1987	Russell Grady
1988	Russell Grady
1989	Myk Cable
1990	Owen Hall
1991	Myk Cable
1992	Myk Cable
1993	Ian Gunn
1994	Chris Lewis*
1995	Chris Lewis
1996	Stewart Drake
1997	Bill Sollis*
1998	Ian Curley*
1999	Ian Curley*
2000	Peter Baldwin*
2001	Peter Baldwin
2002	Chris Lewis
2003	Peter Baldwin
2004	Peter Baldwin
2005	Peter Baldwin
2006	Bill Sollis
2007	Andrew Hack
2008	Andrew Hack
2009	Andrew Hack
2010	Paul Thompson
2011	Endaf Owens
2012	Peter Baldwin
2013	Peter Baldwin
2014	Rupert Deeth
2015	Kane Astin
2016	Shayne Deegan
2017	Rupert Deeth
2018	Aaron Smith
2019	Aaron Smith

### MINI-7 S-CLASS

2006	Tristen Knight
2007	Nathan Burge
2008	Nathan Burge
2009	Julian Affleck
2010	Julian Affleck
2011	Julian Affleck
2012	Julian Proctor
2013	Julian Proctor

2014	Shaun Tarlton
2015	Ian Deviny
2016	Josh Collins
2017	Shaun Tarlton
2018	Scott Kendall
2019	Scott Kendall

### MIGLIA S-CLASS

2006	Phil Harvey
2007	Phil Harvey
2008	Phil Harvey
2016	Jim Burrows
2017	Jim Burrows

### MINI LIBRE Invitational

2017	Peter Crewes
2018	Phil Harvey
2019	Phil Harvey

### NATIONAL 1275 GT

1976	Roger Saunders
1977	Steve Soper
1978	Jeremy Hampshire
1979	Steve Soper
1980	Steve Harris

### GRAHAM HILL MEMORIAL TROPHY - SE7EN / MIGLIA

1977	Steve Hall / Peter Hill
1978	Roy Finlay / Ken Brown
1979	Tim Lester / Tony Edmonds
1980	Gordon Levett / John Simpson
1981	Steve Mole / Stewart Fowler

### GRAHAM HILL MEMORIAL TROPHY - S Class Under 17

2018	Thorburn Astin (U-17)
2019	Ben Cutler (U-17)

### CADWELL PARK SERIES

1978	Chris Tyrrell (overall)
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### CASTLE COMBE SERIES

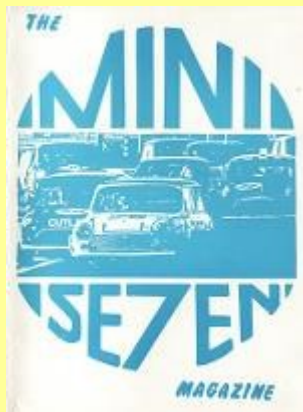
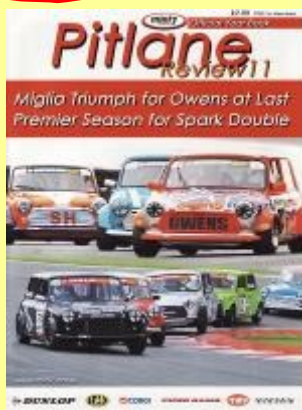
1983	Mike Fry (overall)
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### LYDDEN SERIES - 7 / MIG

1983	Barbara Cowell / Peter Moore
1984	Chris Gould / Dave Titmuss
1985	Peter Kavanagh / Grant Munday
1986	Chris Tyrrell / Bev Comber
1987	Bill Sollis / Bev Comber
1988	Bill Sollis / Mark Jones

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## The Champions

### SOUTHERN/WINTER - SE7EN

1971 Mick Collard  
1972 David Sambell  
1973 Geoff Gilkes  
1974 Geoff Gilkes  
1975 Graham Wenham  
1976 Bob Addison  
1977 Richard Hamlyn  
1978 Jim McDougall  
1979 Roy Finlay  
1980 Gerald Dale  
1981 Richard Hamlyn  
1982 Chris Gould  
1983 Chris Gould  
1984 Chris Gould  
1985 Steve Mole  
1986 Bill Sollis  
1987 Bill Sollis  
1988 Guy Sims  
1989 -  
1990 Alan Rogers  
1991 Kelly Rogers  
1992 Kelly Rogers  
1993 Ian Curley  
1994 Kelly Rogers +  
Matthew Hayman  
1995 Dave Braggins  
1996 James Hayman  
1997 Alan Waite  
1998 Dave Banwell  
1999 Ian Deviny  
2000 Andrew Deviny  
2001 James Winniffrith  
2002 Andy Hack  
2003 Nick Tandy  
2019 Jeff Smith

### SOUTHERN/WINTER - MIGLIA

1979 Paul Rowland  
1980 John Meale  
1981 John Meale  
1982 Jim McDougall  
1983 Peter Moore  
1984 Mike Fry  
1985 Gerald Dale  
1986 Mark Jones  
1987 Mark Jones  
1988 Mark Jones  
1989 -  
1990 Tony Parker  
1991 Tony Parker  
1992 Chris Lewis  
1993 Jonathan Lee  
1994 Dave Hancock  
1995 Peter Baldwin  
1996 Wayne Grayer  
1997 Tony Higgins  
1998 David Abbott  
1999 Jonathan Lewis  
2000 Kevin Mason  
2001 Kelly Rogers

2002 Paul Brown  
2003 Martin Wager  
2019 Colin Peacock

### NOVICE AWARD - SE7EN

1973 Hugo Shipley  
1974 John West  
1975 Jeremy Wheatley  
1976 Chris Lewis  
1977 Tristan Batch  
1978 Rob Selby  
1979 Jonathan Lewis  
1980 Derek Miller +  
Peter Lawton  
1981 Mark Cinnamon  
1982 Barbara Cowell  
1983 Jeremy Ormerod  
1984 Dave Banwell  
1985 Bill Sollis  
1986 Alan Jackson  
1987 Steve Cooper  
1988 Andy Hack  
1989 Bill Boyle  
1990 Niven Burge  
1991 Tim Stanbridge  
1992 Shaun King  
1993 Matthew Hayman  
1994 John Pearson  
1995 James Hayman  
1996 Paul Woodbridge  
1997 Sarah Munns  
1998 Tom Francis  
1999 Peter Weston  
2000 Duncan Emmett  
2001 James Loukes  
2002 Max Hunter  
2003 Lewis Selby  
2004 Alex Myall  
2005 Lee Jones  
2006 Ricky Horne  
2007 Thomas Knight  
2008 Neil Robins  
2009 Terry Barringer  
2010 Mike Rayner  
2011 Ashley Davies  
2012 Ross Billison  
2013 Justin Drury  
2014 Shaun Tarlton  
2015 Lewis Fox  
2016 Leon Oli Window  
2017 Joe Thompson  
2018 Stephen Colbran  
2019 Glen Woodbridge

### NOVICE AWARD - S-CLASS

2019 Ben Cutler

### NOVICE AWARD - MIGLIA

1973 Kelvin May  
1974 Gary Cashman  
1975 Colin Davies

1976 Bryan Dugdale  
1977 Peter Calver  
1978 Paul Earley  
1979 Keith Vinycomb  
1980 Bryan Slark +  
Marco Del Pizzo  
1981 Gordon Pocock  
1982 Miles Johnston  
1983 Brian Quinn  
1984 Grant Munday  
1985 Mark Jones  
1986 Richard Collins  
1987 Owen Hall  
1988 Steve Holtom  
1989 Eamonn Moran  
1990 Bob Pearson  
1991 Jonathan Lee  
1992 Steve Blunt  
1993 Jonathan Lloyd  
1994 Nick Reynolds  
1995 David Lawrence  
1996 David McGuinness  
1997 Tony Higgins  
1998 Endaf Owens  
1999 Stephen Dalby  
2000 Adrian Young  
2001 Andrew Howard  
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2004 Phil Anning  
2005 Keith Allington  
2006 Paul Baird  
2007 Andrew Worsley  
2008 Owen Stinchcombe  
2009 Dave Drew  
2010 Mark Cowan  
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2012 Iain Cameron  
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2015 Ian Briscall  
2016 -  
2017 Alfie Brown  
2018 Richard Jessop  
2019 Stuart Wright



# LAP RECORDS

CIRCUIT Length (miles)	MINI SE7EN	MINI MIGLIA	MINI-7 S-CLASS	MINI LIBRE
BRANDS HATCH (Indy) 1.2	<b>Jeff Smith</b> 10 November 2019 0:59.185 73.47 mph	<b>Nick Padmore</b> 25 August 2018 0:54.331 80.03 mph	<b>Connor O'Brien</b> 10 November 2019 1:00.287 72.13 mph	<b>David Franks</b> 25 August 2018 0:54.800 79.35 mph
BRANDS HATCH (GP) 2.4332	<b>Jeff Smith</b> 8 August 2020 1:53.023 77.50 mph <b>new!</b>	<b>Kane Astin</b> 9 August 2020 1:44.086 84.15 mph <b>new!</b>	<b>Connor O'Brien</b> 11 August 2019 1:55.091 76.11 mph	<b>Dan Lewis</b> 9 August 2020 1:44.713 83.65 mph <b>new!</b>
CADWELL PARK 2.1869	<b>Andrew Deviny</b> 15 May 2016 1:49.168 72.12 mph	<b>Bill Sollis</b> 15 May 2016 1:39.628 79.02 mph	<b>Scott Kendall</b> 9 September 2018 1:50.680 71.13 mph	<b>Phil Harvey</b> 31 August 2019 1:45.054 74.94 mph
CASTLE COMBE 1.85	<b>Jeff Smith</b> 14 September 2019 1:23.701 79.56 mph	<b>Aaron Smith</b> 17 April 2017 1:17.094 86.38 mph	<b>Scott Kendall</b> 14 September 2019 1:25.008 78.34 mph	<b>Phil Harvey</b> 14 September 2019 1:18.790 84.52 mph
CROFT 2.125	<b>Leon Wightman</b> 14 April 2019 1:43.056 74.23 mph	<b>Joe Thompson</b> 14 April 2019 1:33.326 81.97 mph	<b>Scott Kendall</b> 14 April 2019 1:44.892 72.93 mph	<b>Josh Evans</b> 14 April 2019 1:35.465 80.13 mph
CROIX-EN-TERNOIS, Fra 1.18	<b>Paul Thompson</b> 2 July 2005 1:07.844 62.61 mph	<b>Peter Baldwin</b> 3 July 2005 1:02.502 67.96 mph		
DONINGTON PARK (National) 1.9791	<b>Jeff Smith</b> 11 July 2020 1:29.141 79.92 mph <b>new!</b>	<b>Rupert Deeth</b> 11 July 2020 1:20.154 88.48 mph <b>new!</b>	<b>Zack Booth</b> 18 June 2016 1:30.174 79.00 mph	<b>Rob Davis</b> 11 July 2020 1:22.041 86.84 mph <b>new!</b>
DONINGTON PARK (GP) 2.5	<b>Ashley Davies</b> 4 June 2017 2:00.643 74.22 mph	<b>Rupert Deeth</b> 4 June 2017 1:49.163 82.02 mph	<b>Shaun Tarlton</b> 4 June 2017 2:02.566 73.05 mph	<b>Peter Crewes</b> 4 June 2017 1:51.094 80.60 mph
KNOCKHILL 1.3	<b>Oli Perrett</b> 12 May 2002 1:05.952 70.89 mph	<b>Endaf Owens</b> 12 May 2002 1:00.598 77.14 mph		
LYDDEN 1.0	<b>Niven Burge</b> 29 September 1991 0:51.6 69.75 mph	<b>Jonathan Lee</b> 5 March 1994 0:46.6 77.25 mph		
MALLORY PARK 1.35	<b>Mark Hunt</b> 25 April 1999 0:57.91 83.92 mph	<b>Jonathan Lloyd</b> 25 June 2000 0:52.64 92.32 mph		
OULTON PARK (Fosters) 1.654	<b>Spencer Wanstall</b> 19 August 2017 1:16.776 77.55 mph	<b>Rupert Deeth</b> 19 August 2017 1:09.042 86.24 mph	<b>Shaun Tarlton</b> 19 August 2017 1:18.791 75.57 mph	<b>Paul Thompson</b> 19 August 2017 1:10.054 84.99 mph
OULTON PARK (Island) 2.26	<b>Paul Thompson</b> 28 May 2007 1:48.280 75.13 mph	<b>Colin Peacock</b> 28 May 2007 1:38.804 82.34 mph	<b>Nathan Burge</b> 28 May 2007 1:51.326 73.08 mph	
OULTON PARK (International) 2.692	<b>Lewis Selby</b> 20 August 2016 2:09.730 74.69 mph	<b>Shayne Deegan</b> 20 August 2016 1:57.609 82.39 mph	<b>Shaun Tarlton</b> 10 July 2014 2:16.196 71.15 mph	
PEMBREY 1.456	<b>Paul Spark</b> 26 June 2010 1:11.716 73.08 mph	<b>Endaf Owens</b> 27 June 2010 1:05.855 79.59 mph	<b>Julian Affleck</b> 27 June 2010 1:15.312 69.60 mph	
PEMBREY (Clubmans) 1.49	<b>Darren Thomas</b> 21 April 2018 1:19.147 67.77 mph	<b>Rupert Deeth</b> 21 April 2018 1:12.209 74.28 mph	<b>Nick Croydon-Fowler</b> 21 April 2018 1:19.531 67.44 mph	<b>Alex Osborne</b> 21 April 2018 1:13.117 73.36 mph
Pestolozzi (hillclimb) 0.514	<b>Paul Frankcom</b> 17 August 1995 0:40.40 45.80 mph	<b>Martin Pester</b> 17 August 1995 0:37.80 48.95 mph		
Rockingham (Super Sports) 1.94	<b>Paul Thompson</b> 27 September 2008 1:42.815 67.92 mph	<b>Rupert Deeth</b> 20 September 2017 1:34.260 74.09 mph	<b>Nick Croydon-Fowler</b> 30 Sept' 2017 1:43.711 67.34 mph	<b>Peter Crewes</b> 30 September 2017 1:37.330 71.75 mph
SILVERSTONE (National) 1.639	<b>Andrew Deviny</b> 22 March 2003 1:14.398 79.30 mph	<b>Tony Le May</b> 7 April 2007 1:08.137 86.60 mph	<b>Connor O'Brien</b> 30 March 2019 1:16.065 77.63 mph	<b>Phil Harvey</b> 30 March 2019 1:09.647 84.79 mph
SILVERSTONE (International) 1.8508	<b>Andrew Deviny</b> 7 October 2018 1:25.242 78.16 mph	<b>Aaron Smith</b> 7 October 2018 1:17.406 86.08 mph	<b>Nick Croydon-Fowler</b> 7 Oct' 2018 1:25.876 77.59 mph	<b>David Franks</b> 7 October 2018 1:19.041 84.30 mph
SILVERSTONE (GP Historic) 3.194	<b>Niven Burge</b> 24 May 2009 2:27.332 78.05 mph	<b>Peter Baldwin</b> 8 October 2000 2:15.149 85.07 mph	<b>Julian Affleck</b> 23 May 2009 2:36.975 73.26 mph	
SILVERSTONE (GP Arena) 3.66	<b>Darren Thomas</b> 25 June 2017 2:47.198 78.81 mph	<b>Rupert Deeth</b> 25 June 2017 2:32.369 86.48 mph	<b>Ben Butler</b> 28 June 2017 2:52.185 76.53 mph	<b>Gary Warburton</b> 25 June 2017 2:38.213 83.29 mph
Silverstone (Oval) 0.406	<b>Ian Curley</b> 24 July 1994 0:24.59 36.93 mph	<b>Jonathan Lee</b> 24 July 1994 0:23.54 38.58 mph		
SNETTERTON (200) 1.9843	<b>Ashley Davies</b> 14 May 2017 1:33.597 76.31 mph	<b>Rupert Deeth</b> 14 May 2017 1:24.360 84.66 mph	<b>Justin Cooper</b> 14 May 2017 1:35.809 74.70 mph	<b>Peter Crewes</b> 13 May 2017 1:28.181 80.99 mph
SNETTERTON (300) 2.9689	<b>Jeff Smith</b> 19 September 2020 2:25.650 73.38 mph <b>new!</b>	<b>Aaron Smith</b> 19 September 2020 2:12.216 80.83 mph <b>new!</b>	<b>Thorburn Astin</b> 20 September 2020 2:28.129 72.15 mph <b>new!</b>	<b>Dan Lewis</b> 19 September 2020 2:14.269 79.60 mph <b>new!</b>
SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS, Bel 4.3349	<b>Paul Clark</b> 4 June 2006 3:13.408 80.69 mph	<b>Paul Thompson</b> 11 June 2011 2:58.885 88.09 mph	<b>Julian Affleck</b> 12 June 2011 3:21.721 77.36 mph	
THRUXTON 2.356	<b>Paul Thompson</b> 21 August 2005 1:37.933 86.60 mph	<b>Nick Padmore</b> 19 May 2019 1:28.646 95.67 mph	<b>James Bull</b> 2 June 2018 1:38.447 86.15 mph	<b>Phil Harvey</b> 19 May 2019 1:29.809 94.44 mph
ZANDVOORT, Ned 2.676	<b>Jeff Smith</b> 7 July 2019 2:11.495 73.26 mph	<b>Rupert Deeth</b> 7 July 2019 2:00.192 80.15 mph	<b>Scott Kendall</b> 7 July 2019 2:14.187 71.79 mph	<b>Phil Harvey</b> 7 July 2019 2:02.839 78.42 mph
ZOLDER, Bel 2.492	<b>Darren Thomas</b> 17 August 2013 2:05.782 71.32 mph	<b>Aaron Smith</b> 17 August 2013 1:54.818 78.13 mph	<b>Julian Proctor</b> 17 August 2013 2:13.915 66.99 mph	

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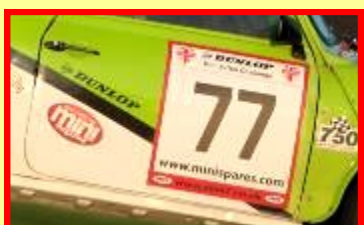
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## Mini Se7en

#	Driver
0/1	Jeff SMITH
2	Joe THOMPSON
5	Lee ROBERTS
6	Graeme DAVIS
7	Leon Oli WINDOW
10	Julian PROCTOR
18	Tina COOPER
20	Darren THOMAS
22	Graeme DAVIS
31	Jordan SIMS
33	Adam GOULD
37	Gareth HUNT
38	Steven HOPPER
39	Glen WOODBRIDGE
46	Max HUNTER
49	Ross BILLISON
57	Philip GILLIBRAND
63	Dave ROBINSON
72	Arnold DUNCAN
73	Spencer WANSTALL
76	Jo POLLEY
77	Andrew DEVINY
3	Dom BURGER
4	Andrew DEVINY
8	Spencer WANSTALL
9	Darren THOMAS
11	Adam GOULD
16	Andy KING
22	Graeme DAVIS
26	Nigel DAVIES
27	Leon Oli WINDOW
28	Dom BURGER
35	Jeff SMITH
45	Leon WIGHTMAN
55	Darren EATON
69	Steve TRENCH
71	Simon JONES
88	Kieren MCDONALD
89	Tom HARTWELL
94	Lee ROBERTS
95	Julian PROCTOR

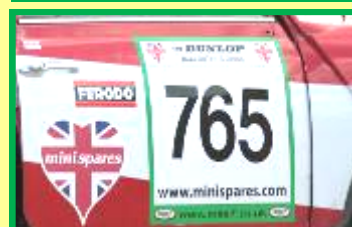
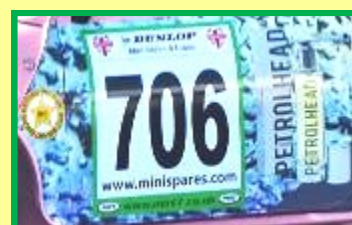


## Mini Miglia

#	Driver
0	Colin PEACOCK
1	Aaron SMITH
4	Jason PORTER
11	Kane ASTIN
15	Gordon POCOCK
17	Rick JESSOP
19	James COLBURN
20	Mark SIMS
21	Aaron SMITH
23	Rupert DEETH
26	Peter ARNOLD
27	Peter HARRIES
29	Dave DREW
32	Endaf OWENS
37	James CUTHBERTSON
40	Jonathan LEWIS
42	Paul SIMMONDS
43	Dave EDGEcombe
48	Lee DEEGAN
49	Martin WAGER
53	Niven BURGE
54	Tom BELL
56	Nick PADMORE
62	Chris LOVETT
69	Tony LE MAY
72	Rob HOWARD
77	Andrew JORDAN
78	Scott KENDALL
80	Joe THOMPSON
82	Darren MASON n
85	Sam SUMMERHAYES
86	Jason BALDING n
88	Kieren MCDONALD
2	Rupert DEETH
3	Kane ASTIN
5/83	Colin PEACOCK
6	James CUTHBERTSON
7	Paul SIMMONDS
8	Mark SIMS
9	Sam SUMMERHAYES
10	Nick PADMORE
12	Wayne GRAY
18	Elliot STAFFORD
22	Stuart HORSFALL
44	Darren MOON
45	Chris MORGAN
64	Alex OSBORNE
92	Jason PORTER

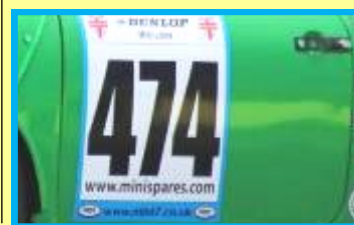
## Mini-7 S-Class

#	Driver
711	Damien HARRINGTON
712	Greg DAW
715	Jonnie KENT
716	Julian BEAVIS n
720	Ben CUTLER
721	Arnold DUNCAN
729	Darren JEREMIAH n
733	James BRYAN
736	Thorburn ASTIN
742	Ben BUTLER
747	Kelvin EDGAR
748	Mal DICKINSON n
758	Matthew AYRES n
779	Andy DICKINSON
784	Ryan TAYLOR n
787	Connor O'BRIEN
795	Stuart GILBY
796	Mark CHAPPELL
760	Jack SHEARING
765	Simon MARTIN
766	Stephen COLBRAN
778	Charlie BRISKER



## Mini Libre

#	Driver
113	Phil HARVEY
115	Steve BAKER
126	Peter HILLS
131	Craig COX
132	Darren COX
133	Les STANTON
149	Gary Warburton
171	Dan LEWIS
177	Peter CREWES
186	David FRANKS
219	Richard COLBURN
277	Andrew DEVINY
283	Harvey Death *invitation
474	Josh EVANS
500	Rob DAVIS
616	Justin COOPER
123	Huw TURNER
127	Ian FRASER
232	Thomas Berg *invitation
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?	tba
?	tba



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