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Judges say "It's the

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Mini**  
on this planet."

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**Choosing Mini cams**

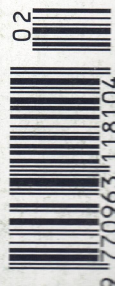
**Clubman 1275GT revived**

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## Leader

It will be interesting to see how the world's media will be covering the fate of Mini this year. Somehow, I'm filled with dread that we'll get yet another round of the usual stuff about Monte Carlo, Twiggy, The Beatles, Mr Bean etc. MiniWorld's forthcoming Mini retrospective will aim to look a little deeper than usual. Stay tuned for that one... Mini events dates are starting to pour in even earlier than ever this year. Check out the Clubs section for the latest announcements. It's a good thing for Mini owners that the show scene is as healthy as ever, since they are essential for keeping a cult car going after production ceases. Hopefully it will be as busy in 2001 - our first full year without Mini factory production. Thanks to everyone who has pointed out that our web site is stuck in July 1999 mode. When we eventually get someone who can update it, it will be updated. Until then, please forbear. When we get it going again, it will be a good one...

**Monty Watkins**  
Editor



# Mixed Mini fortune

**Britain's most successful rally car - the Mini - made a brave showing at the last British Rally of the century. Only four Minis entered and two completed the event.**

Words: **Steve Kirk**, Pictures: **Mark Writtle**

The Mini 1.3i GPA car of Terry Colley and Dave Lucas was the top Mini finisher, completing the rally in 86th overall and fourth in class A5. The only other Mini to make it home to Rally HQ in Cheltenham was run by a Japanese team, with Shinobu Kitani and Makoto Mizoi at the helm. Remarkably, their own Mini was transported to Britain from Japan to take part in the event and finished a respectable 89th overall, 6th in the N1 class.

International rally veteran

Trevor Godwin, who has competed on the 'RAC Rally' a number of times in his Horiba-supported Mini, retired from the 1999 event at the end of the second day. His 1.3i Mini made it to Stage 12, Sweet Lamb, when a suspension component broke - he suspects it was a front Hi-Lo. This wasn't terminal but significantly lowered the height and handling of the car. After twice being thrown off the forest tracks of the stage, Trevor and co-driver Rick Spurgeon were forced

to call it a day, parking up next to the stricken SEAT of Toni Gardemeister.

"We were only a mile from the end of the stage," explains Trevor. "But it was uphill all the way to the finish from there, and the sump guard was dragging on the ground. Last year we stopped alongside car 17 and this year it was number 10, so we're moving up the order..."

At the time, Trevor was lying 3rd in class A5 and thoroughly enjoying himself. "I've finished this rally before

This picture: Trevor and Rick Spurgeon SS12, Sweet Lamb

Left: Shinobu Kitani and Makoto Mizoi, 89th

Below: Yoshihiko Tetsuya Aikoh, ret



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The fourth Mini o rally was run by ano Japanese team and by Yoshihiko Sano a Tetsuya Aikoh. They unfortunately failed the long Radnor sta start of the second

Traditionally, one classic rallies run al the Network Q Rally seems to have been curtailed. Word has there will be new cl events for the UK, v attract far more Min the International ral as the Rally of Grea In 2000, the Netwo move to Cardiff fro Cheltenham. Will w Minis there - or will new BMW Mini?





# on Rally of GB



## In Brief

### WINNERS

Winners of the Superlite alloy wheels competition in the Nov '99 issue of MiniWorld were Clare Staniford of Surrey and Gemma Bostock of Staffordshire. Answer was A) Gaydon.

### FIND VITA-MIN

Jean Burgy is building a rather special Mini and would like some copies of any 1968-69 magazine features on Jeff Goodliff injected, supercharged British Vita (BVRT) Cooper S Minisprint. He'd especially like to see the relevant issue of Hot Car from 1969. Details to J Burgy at 85 Route de Rouffach, 68000 Colmar, France.

### MALTA SITE

New Malta Mini club website at <http://team-mini-40.homepage.com/>

### MINI LAUNCH IN UK?

Could the new BMW Mini be launched in the UK? If so, remember the dates of the Birmingham NEC Motor Show 2000 19-29 October. Details [www.motorshow.co.uk](http://www.motorshow.co.uk)

### ITALIAN JOB VIEWING

Mini lovers only invited to see the world's best film. 23 Jan 2000 at Warner Village Cinema, Horwich, near Bolton, Lancs. £4 each. Details from South Lancs MOC on 01257 279500 or 077 1817449.

### HANSON'S HALF HOUR

David White of the MCO OC would like to talk to David Hanson of Heywood about his conversion for Suzuki engine on to Mini gearbox (MW Oct 1996). Please call Mr White on 0161 962 8576.

### ITALIAN JOB GAME

SCI, makers of the Carmageddon console game, are launching The Italian Job game 'some time in 2000.'